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Middleboro, Mass.



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WILLIAM W. BRACKETT	Term expires 1924
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TOWN CLERK

WILLIAM W. BRACKETT

SELECTMEN

LYMAN P. THOMAS	Term expires 1926
THEODORE N. WOOD	Term expires 1926
ERNEST L. MAXIM	Term expires 1925
CHESTER E. WESTON	Term expires 1924
LEVI O. ATWOOD	Term expires 1924

TOWN MANAGER

HARRY J. GOODALE

ASSESSORS

JAMES F. GARDNER	Term expires 1926
ERNEST S. PRATT	Term expires 1925
BENJAMIN C. SHAW	Term expires 1924

ASSISTANT ASSESSORS

FOREST E. THOMAS	Term expires 1924
JOHN WESTON	Term expires 1924

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER	Term expires 1926
CHARLES S. CUMMINGS	Term expires 1925
WILLIAM M. HASKINS	Term expires 1924

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOREST E. THOMAS	Term expires 1926
ALLAN R. THATCHER	Term expires 1926
MRS. ADELIA C. RICHARDS	Term expires 1925
KENDRICK H. WASHBURN	Term expires 1925
LORENZO WOOD	Term expires 1924
GEORGE W. STETSON	Term expires 1924

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CHARLES H. BATES

HEALTH OFFICER

JOHN H. WHEELER

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

ICHABOD B. THOMAS

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

WALTER M. CHIPMAN	Term expires 1926
WILLIAM J. COUGHLIN	Term expires 1925
MICHAEL J. CRONAN	Term expires 1924

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

WALTER L. BEALS	Term expires 1926
WALTER SAMPSON	Term expires 1926
NATHAN WASHBURN	Term expires 1926
ALLAN R. THATCHER	Term expires 1925
THEODORE N. WOOD	Term expires 1925
MARION K. PRATT	Term expires 1925
HENRY W. SEARS	Term expires 1924
THOMAS H. KELLY	Term expires 1924
H. JANE BENNETT	Term expires 1924

CONSTABLES

FRED C. SPARROW
 E. KIMBALL HARRISON
 ALDEN C. SISSON
 HARRY E. ALLEN

TREE WARDEN

HARRY J. GOODALE

FOREST WARDEN
HARRY J. GOODALE

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT
JESSE CARPENTER, JR.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
LOUIS C. LITTLEJOHN

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The Selectmen are pleased to be able to record the favorable condition of the town as regards its public debt as indicated in the report of the Town Manager. The total indebtedness of the town outside of those departmental loans which are self paying amounts to only \$16,950. The borrowing capacity of the town is approximately \$200,000, a fact which must of necessity be considered in making appropriations for the several large projects upon which the voters will soon be called upon to pass. In pursuance of a "pay as you go" policy, the wisdom of applying to the Legislature for permission to borrow outside the town's debt limit is a matter which should receive careful consideration before being entered upon.

One of the problems which has continued to receive special attention on the part of the Board during the year has been the improvement of electric service. The outcome of these investigations has been the discovery that there are two principal methods by which the utmost improvement in service could be made. One, the installation of sufficient machinery at the local plant, would involve an outlay of about \$100,000, and the other, the building of a new high tension line from Freetown to the Central Station, would cost about \$45,000. In view of the marked improvement shown in electric service since the inauguration of certain changes which were made by the Plymouth Electric Light Co., at the insistence of this Board a few months ago, it seems desirable to allow further time before entering upon any such outlay as would be occasioned by either of the methods referred to, as there is also the question as to whether the improvement which might be hoped for is sufficiently necessary to justify the price which would have to be paid for it.

Some of the more urgent needs of roads and sidewalks have been cared for during the past year, and it is the hope of the Board that sufficient means will be provided by appropriation to continue the policy of a gradual reconstruction of the more important parts of the system.

Although a comprehensive report was submitted to the town at the last annual meeting by the Committee on the Revision of Town By-Laws, no action was taken by the town either for acceptance or rejection of their report. As matters are constantly arising which make the adoption of fixed policies desirable, if not actually necessary, it is hoped that this matter when again brought up at the next meeting will receive careful consideration and definite action.

The bill now before the Legislature dealing with the disposition of the "Great Ponds" so-called, has been a subject of considerable investigation on the part of the Selectmen. While it is evident that the cities of Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton must have due consideration in the matter of water supply, the conservation of these ponds and their shores as a recreation ground for the people of this section is a matter which is also entitled to attention. In preparing for an appearance before the Legislative Committee on this matter the Selectmen feel that a moderate outlay for engineering advice as to the feasibility of filtration as a substitute for total exclusion of the public from these waters would be justifiable, and it is probable that such advice will be sought at an early date.

In completing this the third year of Town Government under the Town Manager system, the Selectmen, as always, bespeak the hearty interest and co-operation of all citizens. The open meetings which have been held at the instance of the Board seem to have been favorably received by the people, and the policy of holding such meetings will probably be continued. In any event, the Selectmen in their administration in the affairs of the town are actuated by one single purpose, namely, to furnish to all citizens the kind of government which they want so far as their wants

can be ascertained.

In this spirit of co-operation the Board again assures the town of its firm purpose to deal as wisely as may be, with the great variety of municipal matters in which all have a common interest.

LYMAN P. THOMAS
THEODORE N. WOOD
ERNEST L. MAXIM
CHESTER E. WESTON
LEVI O. ATWOOD

Selectmen.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Board of Selectmen,
Middleboro, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit my third annual report and recommendations as Town Manager, this being the third year of this form of government in Middleboro.

In the departmental reports will be found the detail accomplishments of each department, therefore my report will cover only the larger items of the various departments.

STATE SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING

At the annual election this year it was required by the State that the question of accepting the State System of Accounting be placed on the ballot. This was done and the voters accepted the act by a vote of Yes 606, No 272, Blanks 920. Thus the voters by accepting this act have placed an additional financial burden on themselves, the beneficial results of which will not be in proportion to the cost. The installation of this system of accounting will probably necessitate the employment of a Town Accountant whose duty it will be to keep all the books of the Town, and also perform the duties of an Auditor. The system of book-keeping installed by your Town Manager when he took office has proven that it answers all purposes, as detail costs have been kept of the various operations of each department, so that at any time, he is able to tell the exact financial condition of each department and also the cost of any particular piece of work.

The financial condition of the Town continues to stand in a very favorable condition. During the past year, bonds

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and notes to the amount of \$13,650 have been paid. Of these \$4,000 was an Electric Light Department loan, and was paid from its earnings; \$3,500 a Water Department loan, and paid from its earnings, thus leaving \$6,150 paid from general taxation.

With the payment of these bonds the Fire Department is free from debt; the School Department has a debt of \$4,950; on the loan for Middleborough's share of the construction of the Plymouth County Hospital at Hanson there is due \$12,000; the Electric Light Department has a debt of \$20,000, and the Water Department \$43,000. Of these, the only amounts which effect the tax rate are the School House loan of \$4,950, and the Hospital loan of \$12,000, a total of \$16,950. The remaining debts are paid from the earnings of the departments.

This is surely a remarkable situation, and compares very favorably with other towns of our size in the State.

GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT

The financial and physical condition of this department continues to show a decided improvement, and although the gas and electric rates were reduced last year, the financial statement this year shows that the department has made a good profit, so much so that we will be able to reduce the gas rates the coming year.

Eight and eight tenths (8.8) miles of electric light line have been built this year, 7.77 miles of wire have been used to connect 298 new customers.

Six thousand feet of gas mains have been laid this year and 2,553 feet of service pipe has been laid connecting 145 new customers. Due to the impossibility of getting an early delivery on the pipe, our gas main extensions were not completed until late in the Fall, so that the full benefit of these extensions to the plant will not be apparent until next year.

The investigation of the construction of a Hydro-Electric Plant at Muttock dam was continued this year. An engineer was engaged to prepare plans and specifications, and bids were asked for its construction. The prices asked by the contractors were so far above what was deemed a fair price for the work that it was decided that nothing should be done this year. However, we have the plans and specifications, and when conditions seem favorable, bids can be asked for and the plant constructed. It would be advisable however, to await the action of the next session of the State Legislature to see what they will do with the bill before it, which if passed, will allow the Citizens of Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford to take Assawampsett and the adjoining lakes for a water supply, and if this is done it may diminish the flow the the Nemaskett river to such an extent that it will not be advisable to construct the proposed generating station at any time.

Further investigations have been made as to what can be done to improve the electric light service, and the question seems to resolve itself into one of two propositions, either construct a central station of our own at a cost of \$100,000, or build a new high tension line to connect with the New Bedford Company at the Lakeville-Freetown line, at a cost of \$45,000.

If a new central station of our own was constructed of three generating units, which would take care of double our present demands, we could manufacture electricity at about the same price we are now paying Plymouth, and would, at the same time, be as well able to guarantee continuous service as any central station. This would cost approximately \$100,000, and would all be charged off in fifteen years. That is, the plant, by crediting itself with the difference between the actual cost of manufacturing the electricity we use and the amount we would have to pay the Plymouth Electric Light Co., for the same amount of electricity if purchased, would be able to pay the cost of purchasing the necessary generating machinery in fifteen

years.

On the other hand, if a new high tension line is built to connect direct with New Bedford at a cost of about \$45,000, we would be able to guarantee the same good service as though we had a central station of our own.

One or the other of these two things must be done before good service can be guaranteed.

Another question which has arisen, and that is as to the fairness of the present method of the payment of interest and bonds, and the cost of the construction of electric light and gas extensions. For the past few years the only appropriation which the town has been asked to make has been for the electricity used in its street lights, while the bonds, interest and extensions have been made from the earnings of the plant. That is, the rates have been kept sufficiently high so that these things could be done, with the result that the consumers of gas and electricity have been paying for something which is an asset to the whole town and belongs to the town as a whole, and for this reason have been able to purchase their street lighting at a small percentage of the cost they would be obliged to pay if the Electric Light Plant was owned by a private corporation.

Now in fairness to all, should not the town appropriate at least a part of the sum necessary to pay the bonds, interest and the cost of the extensions, in order that the rates on both gas and electricity may be still further reduced?

WATER DEPARTMENT

The new electrically driven centrifugal pump installed last year has proven to be entirely satisfactory, and has met all of its guarantees. The filters have continued to give good satisfaction, but there is a growing need for one additional filter bed and another reiser in order that filtered water may be delivered to the consumers at all times. We have not at any time during the past year been obliged to pump raw water into the system, but the present

capacity of the filters is slowly being reached and before that time comes these additions should be made.

The inspection and repair of all the gates in the system begun last year has been completed this year, so that all the gates and hydrants are now in good working condition.

Further attention has been given to the slow and dead meters, and we have begun a systematic test of all the meters, in order to be sure that all meters are registering correctly.

HIGHWAYS

The question of better roads is one that is being discussed more and more each year. The rapidly increasing use of the automobile for both pleasure and business has placed a tremendous burden on our roads, and this problem has become the most perplexing one that not only we have to solve, but is one that is state and nation wide. The conditions of our roads, which a few years ago were considered reasonably good by the horseman, are now considered intolerable by the automobilist. These conditions are apparently growing worse in the eyes of the automobilist for two reasons; first, the increasingly large number of automobiles which are used in town, and secondly that these same automobiles are wearing out the roads much faster than it is possible to build them with the limited appropriation which is given to the highway department each year.

We have been able this year, with the \$10,000 given by the Peirce Trustees, and \$5,000 given by the State, to make much needed repairs on a section of Wareham Street 1,500 feet long at a cost of \$5,000, and a section of Center Street 2,800 feet long, at a cost of \$9994.11.

The general appropriation made by the Town has been used in general maintenance, and the graveling of certain sections of the outside roads that were impassable for automobiles during certain periods in the spring.

The purchase of the third Ford dump truck has been

of great value to the department, and the saving in horse hire by the purchase of a Fordson tractor used in scraping the roads has been sufficient to pay at least one half the cost of the tractor.

The continued use of heavy asphaltic road oil has shown its worth in the results obtained.

Now that the State has agreed to co-operate with the towns of Bridgewater and Middleboro in the construction of a new bridge over the Taunton river, and the bridge across the same river at North Middleboro is under construction, our bridges with the exception of the East Main St. bridge, are in very good condition. Some extensive repairs of the East Main St. bridge will have to be made the coming year.

We have been adding to our machinery equipment each year small pieces purchased from our maintenance money but this year there should be a special appropriation made for the purpose of a new roller with a scarifying attachment, as our present roller is beyond economical repair.

SIDEWALKS

The general condition of the sidewalks in the town are poor, due to the fact that there is a concerted effort on the part of the automobilists to have all of the highway appropriation spent on road improvement, thus causing the sidewalks to be neglected.

This year with the special appropriation for new sidewalks, we were enabled to build a fine piece of cement walk on North Main St., from Peirce St. to the Post Office corner and on Center St., from the Post Office corner to Pearl St. Nothing has been done in the past few years which was so much needed and appreciated by the citizens as is this sidewalk, and I trust that as a result of this example there will be an appropriation made each year for this particular type of work, so that by following a fixed policy we shall be enabled in a few years to very much improve the

sidewalk situation on all of our streets.

STREET LIGHTING

Our street lighting system continues to be a source of annoyance to many of our citizens. The few White Way lights which have been installed have proven very satisfactory, and should be extended on Center St., to Everett Square; on Warham St. to Benton St., and on North and South Main St. from Nickerson St. to the Library. In addition to these there should be fifty 60 c. p. lights added to the system, and twenty-five of our present 60 c. p. lights increased to 100 c. p.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The addition of a permanent captain to our regular fire fighting force has greatly increased the efficiency of the department.

The quick response by the department to the fire in the Central Congregational Church and the effective work done upon its arrival amply repays the extra expense of the department.

The housing conditions are, however, entirely inadequate and dangerous. New quarters should be provided the coming year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Middleboro is certainly to be congratulated on the personnel of its police force. The efficiency of its Chief, general appearance of the patrolmen, and the courtesy which they show to all persons is certainly a credit to any town.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The duties of this department are among the most important performed by any of the departments of the town, and the pains-taking care with which the Health Officer performs his duties should be appreciated by all of our citizens. The employment of a full time health and school

nurse is of great assistance to the Health Officer, and is a forward step in the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The painting of the Town House white two years ago was the cause of many favorable comments, and in order that its pleasing appearance may be preserved it should have one coat of paint this year.

More work has been done on the school houses this year than for several past years, but there is still more that should be done on the school buildings. The West Side, Union St., Rock and So. Middleboro schools have been painted inside and out, and this year the Forest St., Purchase and Wappanucket schools should be painted, and the West Side shingled. There are also several improvements that should be made on the High School in order to provide proper fire protection and exits.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The need of enlarging our sewerage system is more apparent each year, as the buildings increase in the section not served. A committee should be appointed to investigate this condition.

With the close of the third year of the Town Manager Form of Government, we can point with pride to the fact that each year we have lived within our income, and each year has shown a balance in the Town Treasury, instead of a deficit as was the case under the old form of government. At the same time substantial improvements have been made in each department, and the net debt of the town has been reduced \$18,450, in spite of the fact that our pumping equipment at the Water Works Pumping Station has been brought up to date, and that a County Tuberculosis Hospital has been constructed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. GOODALE,
Town Manager.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION, 1923

GEORGE W. STETSON, Chairman

CHARLES H. BATES, Secretary

MEMBERS

	Term Expires
Allan R. Thatcher, 1 Webster Street	1926
Forest E. Thomas, 59 Everett Street	1926
Adelia C. Richards, 86 Pearl Street	1825
Kendrick H. Washburn, 70 So. Main Street	1925
George W. Stetson, 118 So. Main Street	1924
Lorenzo Wood, Plymouth Street	1924

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles H. Bates, 47 Courtland St.

Telephone 577-R

Office, Room 7, Town Hall, Telephone 81-R.

Office Hours, School days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 5 P. M.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 A. M.

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held in Room 7, Town Hall, on the first Thursday of each month, excepting July and August, at 7.30 P. M.

MEETINGS, 1924

January 3, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. James H. Burkhead, 11 Peirce Street
Telephone, Residence 536-R; Office 536-W.

SCHOOL NURSE

Mary Canning, 2 Peirce Street, Telephone 256-W.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER

John H. Wheeler, 60 Everett Street.
Telephone 407-W

JANITORS OF CENTRAL BUILDINGS

High School

Charles H. Goodwin, Forest Street Extension

Union Street and Town House Schools

Luther S. Bailey, 23 Forest Street

School Street School George A. Cox, 82 Pearl Street

Forest Street School Frank M. Gibbs, 49 Forest Street

West Side School Linam Chute, 1046 Centre Street

CALENDAR, 1924

Winter Term, January 2—February 21, 8 weeks.

Spring Term, March 3—April 25, 8 weeks.

Summer Term, May 5—June 20, 7 weeks; High School, June 25, 8 weeks.

Fall Term, September 8—December 19, 15 weeks.

Winter Term, December 29—

The above calendar is for all the schools. The High School will close the Summer Term Wednesday, June 25, with graduating exercises in the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, June 25, at 8 o'clock. The graduating exercises of the Elementary Schools will be held Thursday afternoon, June 19, at 2 o'clock, in the Town Hall.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Middleboro, Mass., Jan. 4, 1924.

To the Memembers of the School Board and the Citizens
of Middleboro:

In accordance with the regulations of the School Board
I submit the following report:

ENROLLMENT

The total number of pupils enrolled, for the school year ending June 21, was 1,796, a gain of 51 over the previous year. The average membership was 1,628, an increase of 50, and the average attendance was 1,529 an increase of 95. It is interesting to note the increase in the last two decades. In 1903 the total enrollment was 1,346 and in 1913 it was 1,679. The 1923 enrollment shows a gain of 450 over 1903, and 333 over 1913. The 1900 census gave Middleboro a population of 6,885, the census of 1910 gave 8,234, while the census of 1920 gave 8,453, a gain of only 219 from 1910 to 1920. If the growth of the town in the past decade had been more rapid the matter of school accommodations would be more serious.

COST OF SCHOOLS

That the cost of carrying on the work of the schools of the town has increased during the past few years is due in a large measure to the increase in cost of instruction, janitor service, books and supplies, fuel, repairs and transportation. This condition is common throughout the country.

The increase in cost of instruction began in 1919 when Middleboro in common with all other towns, in justice to its teachers, advanced their salaries for three successive years by raises of \$100 in 1919, \$300 in 1920 and \$200 in 1921, raising the pay of the grade teachers in that time from \$600 to \$1,200 as well as the salary of the other

teachers the same amount, and supervisors in like proportion.

It is interesting to note that in 1903 the amount paid for teachers' salaries was \$16,586.80 and in 1913 it was \$26,785.77, while in 1922 it was \$66,073.63.

The cost of janitor service has also added to the increased cost. Where in 1903 the salaries of the janitors of the Central buildings was \$1,199.00, and in 1913, \$1,616.00, in 1922 it was \$3,830.00 and a still greater cost will be incurred the present year due to increases in a few instances.

The net cost per pupil has increased from \$22.79 in 1903 and \$29.60 in 1913 to \$58.08 in 1922, based on expenditures for the fiscal year.

A recent statement of the State Department of Education shows that in the past ten years salaries of teachers have increased in the state 162 per cent, text books 120 per cent, repairs 184 per cent, and transportation 212 per cent. Cost per pupil has increased from \$38.12 in 1911-12 to \$78.13 in 1921-22, an increase of 105 per cent. The cost per pupil in Middleboro is \$20.50 less than in the State for the school year 1921-22.

That the amount appropriated for school purposes is not excessive when compared with some of the towns in the county of about the same size may be seen from the following table compiled from the last report of the State Department of Education of the 355 towns and cities of the State.

	Rank in Expenditures for School Support	Cost per Pupil Rank	Cost per Pupil in High School	Cost per Pupil in Elementary Schools
Bridgewater	3	274	\$90.57	\$51.38
Abington	2	149	102.00	61.33
Rockland	33	178	92.12	52.88
Whitman	82	230	78.66	49.03
Middleboro	98	267	91.76	50.69

Cost per pupil in high schools of the State is \$106.78 and in the elementary schools \$87.06. Middleboro's cost per pupil is \$15.02 less for high school pupils and \$36.37 less for elementary pupils than the cost per pupil in the State.

The same group of towns shows the total cost for 1922 as follows:

	Total Cost	No. of No. of Pupils	Teachers	Cost per Pupil Based on Total Cost and Total No. of Pupils
Bridgewater	\$93,534.91	1620	54	\$57.73
Abington	76,620.39	1090	33	57.28
Rockland	94,426.75	1494	44	63.27
Whitman	79,293.09	1445	40	54.87
Middleboro	93,843.43	1745	49	53.77

TRANSPORTATION

The increasing cost of transportation is due to the larger number of pupils now coming from the higher grades of the Suburban Schools to the Central Schools and to the increase in pay to drivers of the six school conveyances. The present year the cost for pupils attending the Central Schools from the suburban districts will be nearly \$900. It is the custom whenever pupils are transferred by vote of the Board from these districts to the Central Schools to reimburse them for cost of their transportation. High School pupils living two miles or more from the School building are reimbursed for the actual cost to them of transportation.

The matter of High School transportation was presented to the voters of the town at a town meeting several years ago and it was voted to allow such pupils their transportation expenses. The law governing transportation of pupils reads: "Every town shall provide and maintain a sufficient number of school houses, properly furnished and conveniently situated for the accommodation of all children therein entitled to attend the public schools. If the distance between a child's residence and the school he is entitled to

attend exceeds two miles and the school committee declines to furnish transportation the department, upon appeal of the parent or guardian of the child, may require the town to furnish the same for a part or for all of the distance."

In 1903 the town paid \$2,521.27 for transportation of pupils and of this amount \$1,827.80 was for 6 school teams. In 1913 the amount paid was \$2,332.80 and of this amount \$1,524.50 was for 5 school teams. For this year the cost is estimated to be \$8,500.00 or nearly four times the amount paid in 1913. This estimate includes \$6,381.75 for 6 school conveyances and the remainder for transportation reimbursements to pupils attending the High and Central elementary schools from the suburban districts.

A survey of the Suburban transportation problem may be of interest.

The North Middleboro transportation is done by a motor truck carrying 18 pupils to the Pleasant Street School, 20 to the Plymouth Street and 6 to the Pratt Free School. The district is a large one and the route covered is 16 miles. The cost per school day is \$6, excepting in January, February and March, when it is \$7 a school day. The annual cost is estimated to be \$1,230.

The section which furnishes the pupils is so large that it would be difficult to find a site that would do away with transportation by erecting a school house. In fact a survey made by the School Board a few years ago resulted in not being able to find such a location that would do away with transportation. If such a location were possible it would mean a saving to the town of that amount as only one school beside the Pratt Free School would have to be continued in North Middleboro where now there are two. The present arrangement is, therefore, better with its two graded schools of three grades each than two multi-graded schools under some other arrangement.

The Thompsonville section pupils living on River Street are conveyed by a horse-drawn vehicle. The number

of children carried is 9 and the route covers from 8 to 10 miles. The cost is \$3 a school day or approximately \$550 a year. No change could be made in this section.

The Marion Road section furnishes 8 pupils who are carried in a motor truck. The route covers 9 miles and the transportation cost is \$3 a school day or approximately \$550 a year. The opening of the Marion Road School for so few pupils would be impracticable and the additional cost over the present cost of transportation would be \$700.

The number of pupils carried to the Thomastown school is 8. The conveyance is a horse-drawn wagon. The route covers 9 miles. The cost per school day is \$3 or approximately \$550 a year. These children come from the Rocky Meadow section.

Pupils living in the Highland and France districts are carried to the South Middleboro School in motor vehicles. There are 23 from the France section and 13 from the Highland district. The France route covers 12 miles and the Highland 7 miles. The cost per school day is \$9.75 and \$12.00 a day during the winter months, or approximately \$1,927.50 a year. A singular situation in two of these sections is the fact that in the North Middleboro section 75 per cent of the pupils attending those schools live over 2 miles from the school buildings and in the South Middleboro section only 11 pupils live within that distance. If the France school were reopened there would still have to be transportation as several in that section live over two miles from the France school house. If the Highland school should be reopened as well as the France School there would be a school there of only 13 pupils and one of less than 20 pupils at South Middleboro.

The additional teacher expense for the France School together with cost of upkeep would be at least \$1,300 a year. The teaching cost under the present plan is \$1,300 and the transportation \$1,927.50, a total of \$3,227.50. Under the plan of reopening the France school the teacher cost of the two schools—one at South Middleboro and one in the

France section would be \$2,400, and the transportation cost, allowing for a conveyance for the Highland district and one for the France at \$3 a school day for each, or \$550 a year for each, would make the total cost \$3,500. It would seem as expensive as it may seem to be to maintain two motor vehicles in this section, it would be more expensive under a different plan, not only financially, but also in the character of the service compared with the splendid results now being secured.

The pupils attending the High School from North Middleboro and the upper grades at the Purchase are transported by the regular jitney service from that section.

This service is also extended to carrying the pupils from the upper grades at the Green to the School Street School at a total cost of \$8 a school day or approximately \$1,560 a school year.

The only possible saving here would be the retention of the upper grades at the Green now numbering 45 pupils in five grades, and the placing of that school on the half-time plan which would be unfair to the pupils and unsatisfactory to the district.

The number of pupils transported last term was 248; High School 72, Central Schools 62, teams and trucks 114.

REPAIRS

Under the direction of the Town Manager more extensive repairs have been made the past year than for several years.

The Union Street building has been placed in excellent condition and with its painted exterior and the walls, woodwork of the rooms and corridors painted, and the ceilings kalsomined, the blackboards renovated and the seats and desks varnished, presents an attractive appearance.

At the West Side the plumbing, the ventilating and heating systems have been overhauled, the exterior of the building painted, the walls and woodwork painted, the ceilings kalsomined, and the blackboards renovated.

The portable building has also been painted. The main building has been provided with a fire escape on the rear, a door has been made in each of the four rooms as an exit to the escape, the frames for pupils' clothing have been changed so as to allow a quicker egress and the whole building with the renovation of the furniture presents a fine appearance.

The Rock and South Middleboro buildings have been thoroughly renovated and with their newly painted exteriors and interiors present a changed appearance. These improvements are much appreciated by the people of the districts.

This year the Forest Street School will be given attention and placed in good condition. Several of the Suburban Schools will also be improved in appearance.

The High School building needs a thorough renovation of the ventilating system, the repairing of the approaches to the building, the installation of a system of fire gongs for fire drill purposes, and the equipment of the building with a fire escape as a guard against fire hazard.

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

The action of the town, in appropriating \$190,000 for the erection of a new High School building on the playground lot on North Main Street, will fill a long felt want.

This building will be able to provide for pupils for many years to come and to furnish opportunity for having up-to-date courses in well equipped class rooms and laboratories. It will make possible a rearrangement of the elementary grading, furnish class rooms of sufficient number to relieve congestion and give schools that can more efficiently produce more satisfactory results.

The School Board has approved of the 6-2-4 plan, which gives six years of elementary work, two years of Junior High School work and four years of Senior High School work, when the building is occupied.

This will give 20 school rooms in the Centre for elementary work of grades from one to six, reserving the School Street portable building for an overflow school. The present High School building will be used for grades 7 and 8, and the new building for the Senior High School for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. The new building will be large enough so if at any time in the future the congestion in the elementary grades required it the Junior High School could be housed in the new building under supervision of the High School principal, leaving the present High School building for the higher elementary grades. If thought advisable such a plan could be carried out at once on the occupancy of the new building, and the consolidation of the rural schools could be put in part operation by transferring the pupils of all of the nearer rural schools to the Central Schools.

It is hoped that work on the new building can soon begin and that it will be ready for occupancy in Sept., 1925.

It is the sentiment of the Board that the hall of the new building should be named in honor of one of the School's former principals—"The Walter Sampson Hall."

RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL SAMPSON

The most noteworthy event in connection with the public schools of Middleboro the past year was the retirement from active service, at the close of the winter term, of Principal Walter Sampson, on account of ill health.

Mr. Sampson had nearly completed thirty-three years of service as principal of the Middleboro High School, a record at the present time surpassed by but one other principal in the state for continuous length of service in the same high school.

In recognition of this long and faithful service—a service marked by an unusual success in bringing the Middleboro High School to such a high standard of efficiency for accurate, thorough and painstaking instruction—that it was considered by normal and college authorities in

New England as one of the best preparatory high schools of Massachusetts—the school officials visited the school on the closing day of the term and, through the chairman, conferred on Mr. Sampson the honorary title of “Principal Emeritus.” In addition to that the Board presented to him a series of resolutions embodying the appreciation and esteem in which he had always been held by school officials and citizens of the town.

At the close of these exercises the teachers and pupils presented him with gifts indicative of their great love for him as a teacher and their admiration for his sterling qualities as a man.

It has been the lot of but a few men to go out from a high school as a graduate and then return to it after a college preparation as its principal, to shape the destinies of hundreds of young men and women by always holding before them ideals of manly character, honesty of purpose, fidelity to the truth, fair-mindedness, square dealing and uprightness, as the true and worthwhile ends of an education. It is a pleasure to know that now as he is retired that renewed health is coming to him and we hope many years are in store for him to enjoy the rewards of a well-spent career.

HIGH SCHOOL

The resignation of Principal Sampson, effective at the close of the winter term, caused a break in the administration of the School. The Board did not think it best to fill the position at once and placed Mr. Leonard O. Tillson, one of the teachers, in charge for the remainder of the school year, as acting principal.

At the close of the year Mr. Tillson was elected to the position of Sub-Master, a new position created by the Board, with a substantial increase in salary. Mr. Tillson has been a faithful teacher in the school for many years and well deserves the honor conferred on him.

Owing to the fact that the new principal would have

a large amount of administrative work to do in the new building, with the larger teaching force, wider courses of study and added activities, great care was given in the consideration of a successor to Principal Sampson.

Out of nearly 100 applicants Mr. Paul S. Nickerson, a graduate of Harvard University, a teacher of experience, and for the past three years Principal of the Canton High School, was unanimously elected to the position.

Mr. Nickerson has entered on his work with much enthusiasm, has shown commendable ability as an administrator, and we feel confident will maintain the high degree of efficiency in school work which has so prominently marked the administration of his predecessor.

TUITION PUPILS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

The number of tuition pupils, or out of town pupils, the present year in the High School is 54, divided as follows: Lakeville 30, Plympton 20 and Rochester 4. Of this number 3 are members of the Senior class, 13 of the Junior class, 13 of the Sophomore class and 25 of the Freshman class. These are so enrolled in the 54 daily recitations as not to affect the size of any of the classes to any extent. In fact three recitations have no tuition pupils, 5 have but one each, 5 have two each, 3 but three each and there are only 12 recitations that have over 5 each.

In the commercial course out of 34 pupils in the two recitations in stenography only 6 are tuition pupils. Of the 59 pupils taking typewriting only 8 are tuition pupils, while out of 53 taking bookkeeping only 8 are tuition pupils.

The academic classes are larger and have a few more such pupils. With the tuition pupils out of the school the number of recitation periods would be the same and the same number of teachers would be required. These pupils it is true occupy so many seats that would be available for in-town pupils if the tuition pupils were excluded, but it must not be forgotten that with the merging of the eighth and ninth grades in September, 1926, as one class in the

High School, the membership will be over 400, exclusive of tuition pupils, and the present building could not accommodate the enrollment, and a half time arrangement would have to be made.

The present rate for tuition is \$100 a year. Up to 1907 it was \$55, when it was raised to \$75, and in 1915 it was again raised to \$100. With the greater expenditures which will result on the occupancy of the new building a rate of \$120 would be justified. The past fiscal year the town received from Lakeville for tuition \$3,000.00; from Plympton \$1,785.00; from Rochester \$587.50. During the past ten years Middleboro has received from Lakeville for tuition \$19,283.64; from Plympton \$8,171.62; from Rochester \$2,519.75; from other towns \$834.58; a total of \$30,809.59. In the next ten years with an increased rate the same number of pupils would give a return of nearly \$65,000.00. The amount received each year is enough to pay the annual salaries of four female teachers in the school.

It seems to me that it is a good business proposition to continue this policy of helping our neighboring towns by offering the graduates of the elementary schools of those towns an opportunity for securing a secondary school education.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The present congestion in these schools will be relieved when the new High School building is ready for occupancy. The present school year, in order to give a full day schooling to as many pupils as possible, the schools have been regraded and several of them have now a large and a small grade, an arrangement not always satisfactory.

The Town House school has a fifth grade with two teachers. The total enrollment the past term was 101. The rooms are not well adapted for school purposes and would probably be condemned for such purposes by the State inspector if the town were not considering ways to relieve the school room congestion. It is a question

whether we should place this school on a half-time or platoon system next year if the class is larger.

The eighth grade, formerly in the Town House, has been transferred to the School Street School and both schools placed under the charge of the Principal of the School Street School.

The position of teacher-coach in the School Street School, ably filled for two years by Mrs. Anne R. McFarlin, has been abolished and a student teacher from the Bridgewater Normal School now works in the building, giving the Principal time for general supervision.

Two of the janitors, Mr. Samuel S. Lovell at the West Side school and Mr. Martin Hanley at Forest School, resigned the past year after many years of faithful service.

In order to safeguard the children of these schools against the possibility of accident from passing automobiles during the noon hour, the Board voted to close the morning session at 11 45, opening in the afternoon at 1.15. The plan is working very satisfactorily. I would especially commend Chief of Police Sisson and his officers for the careful consideration they pay to looking after the safety of the school children and the parents may feel assured that if any accident should happen it will be through no negligence on their part.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS

The most noticeable feature of the Suburban Schools for the past year is the increase in enrollment.

To the congestion problem in the High School and Central elementary schools is now added the problem of what to do to relieve the congestion in the Suburban Schools. So large are the schools at the Centre now that the transfer of any number of pupils in the higher grades of the Suburban Schools to the Central Schools is impossible. Already there are 62 such pupils now attending the Central Schools, but the limit has been reached.

It is interesting to note that a large percentage of the

total school enrollment is made up of pupils living in the suburban districts. At the present time there are 552 pupils attending school who are residents of the rural sections. These are divided as follows:

High School	72
Pratt Free School	18
Central Schools	62
Suburban Schools	400
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	552

The pupils from these sections comprise one-fourth of the High School enrollment and are divided by classes as follows: Seniors 13, Juniors 17, Sophomores 17, and Freshmen 25.

On account of the large enrollment at the Rock school this school was placed on the half-time plan in October. This plan is also in operation for the first and second grades at the Purchase school.

The school at South Middleboro has had the school day lengthened from 8.45 to 4, with a half hour nooning, in order to give the pupils the necessary time for the required work.

The Fall Brook school was closed temporarily in September and the pupils transferred to the Centre. The number now attending the Central Schools from this section in grades from one to six is 10. The closing of the school effected a net saving of over \$1,100.

With the increase in building in many of the rural sections the number of suburban pupils bids fare to increase steadily. It was only three years ago that the question of closing the Thompsonville and Wappanucket Schools, owing to such a small membership, was considered. This year Thompsonville has enrolled 30 and Wappanucket 20. The number of pupils in these districts is apt to change greatly from year to year.

It is gratifying, however, to note that these schools are in charge of experienced teachers, seven out of the eleven being graduates of some normal school or college.

There are six teachers who have taught over eight years and none who did not have at least a year's experience before coming here. The salaries paid these teachers, the same as paid the Central grade teachers, enables us to secure such teachers. It is a great advance from placing these schools in charge of inexperienced teachers at \$7 a week, or \$266 a year, as was done 20 years ago, to securing trained and experienced teachers at \$1,200 a year. And the work of these schools attests to the work of trained teachers.

VOCATIONAL WORK

The feature of vocational work as carried on in the Evening Practical Arts Classes for Women has been a worthwhile investment and it is of interest to know that it will be continued the present year under the direction of the School Board in a room in the Public Library Building.

During the past year there have been three different classes in the dressmaking work numbering in all 41 different pupils, ranging in age from 16 to 50 years. The amount of money expended for material, each pupil buying her own material, in both the dressmaking and millinery classes, was \$212.78 and the estimated value of the finished articles was \$531.50.

In the millinery class the number of pupils was 36, from 16 to 51 years of age, and the cost of material for the work was \$149.32 and the estimated value of the finished articles \$215.68. The value of the work to many of these members, several of them married women with children, in the instruction they received, so that they are enabled to do such work in their homes is certainly evident.

Of the \$300 appropriated for this work the town receives a reimbursement of one-half the amount from the State, on the approval of the State Department of Vocational Work.

TEACHERS

The teaching force remains about the same as last year. There has been but two changes in the High School other than that of the principal. Apart from the changes by transfers only three new teachers commenced work in September. The permanency of the teaching force at the present time has been of great benefit in maintaining the standard.

The schools are doing excellent work and the town is to be congratulated on having such a faithful and efficient corps of teachers. Another teacher will be added to the High School corps in September, making twelve in the faculty.

A successful drawing exhibition and the annual concert of the High School were two interesting features of the year.

CHANGES IN TEXT BOOKS

There have been several needed changes in text books in both the High and the Elementary schools the past year.

The Pearson and Kirchwey's "Essentials of English" has been placed in all the Central and Suburban Schools. This language series was recommended unanimously by the Central teachers after an examination of ten other series and seems to be meeting our needs much more satisfactorily than the former books.

The revised edition of the Aldine Readers is now in use in nearly all the schools.

Each pupil of the ninth grade has been supplied with a copy of Webster's Elementary School Dictionary for more intensive word study in place of the small Primary Dictionary.

A revised edition of Chemistry has taken the place of the old book in the High School and together with the revised edition of Physics introduced the previous year provides up-to-date texts in these two subjects.

A revised edition of American History brought up to

date is now in use in the High School and that with the new Civics introduced last year provides an up-to-date course in the history department.

Other changes, however, are needed in several other text books now in use in both the High and Elementary Schools and a larger appropriation for books has been asked for the current year. Good text books are a prime essential and in such subjects of science, history and geography should be changed from time to time to secure an up-to-dateness in the subject matter.

THE THOMAS S. PEIRCE FUND

A part of the income from the above fund has been contributed since 1902 by the trustees for aid in educational works and in meeting some of the necessary expenditures in the repairs and construction.

Since the organization of a commercial department in the High School, the trustees have paid all the expenses incurred by commercial teachers' salaries, the cost of typewriters and, for several years, the cost of many supplies. For ten years or more they paid the salary of an additional teacher in the academic department of the High School and also \$100 of the salary of another teacher in the school each year for that time.

The total amount paid by the trustees for teaching service since 1902 to the present time is \$41,773.01. In addition to this sum they have paid for other school purposes a total of \$19,727.21, making a grand total of \$61,500.22.

The largest amounts paid were \$2,385.76 for a new boiler, floors, and 224 chairs at High School, \$1,876.43 for repairs at Union Street, \$3,339.90 for new plumbing at High School, \$8,827.85 for a two-room portable building at the West Side, \$1,800 for typewriters, and \$640 for installing heating system at Union Street building.

By the instituting of the commercial department an opportunity is given the young people of the town for

securing a business training. The commercial department has been a success from the start and a large percentage of each graduating class in recent years has completed its course.

MOTHERS' CLUBS

These organizations have had a very successful year and are a worthwhile benefit in their activities. Meetings are frequently held and the schools and homes are brought closer together in a common purpose.

Hot lunches are provided for the pupils remaining the noon hour in some of the schools by these clubs. Special occasions are arranged for the pleasure of the children such as picnics, outings, field days and Christmas observance.

Seven of our suburban buildings have been equipped with electric lights by them, the clubs not only paying for the installation, but also the lighting bills. These lights are very helpful on the dark days.

The Purchase Mothers' Club has paid for the painting of the interior of the Purchase School as well as purchasing new curtains. Two of these Clubs have started a piano fund. The Fall Brook Club has been incorporated and plans to have a community house. The West Side Club has been incorporated and is making a field, recently purchased, into a good playground. Several of these clubs have joined the Massachusetts Parent-Teacher Association. It is undoubtedly true that no town in the State has so many such organizations and to their influence may be traced the good will that exists in all the districts towards the schools. There are now eleven of these organizations. It gives me great pleasure to commend their worth and the good they are doing.

In addition to the Mothers' Clubs the work of Community Service has been continued and it is to be regretted that the Community Centre part of the work, owing to increasing expenses, has been discontinued. The nutrition

and playground features of the work will, however, be continued.

FUTURE PROBLEMS

Among the school problems which may soon engage the attention of the School Board are the following:

1. A new course of study for the Elementary Schools, based on the eight-year plan which will be ready for adoption when the plan is in effect in all the Elementary Schools in September, 1926. The regrading of these schools, made possible by a new High School building, will give an opportunity for the enrichment of such a course and provide one more in keeping with the demands of the present times.

2. The semi-annual promotion of pupils in the elementary schools whereby pupils of good ability may more quickly complete their elementary course. This plan is in force in many progressive towns at the present time and gives an opportunity for those with ability to receive a more intensive training in a shorter time.

3. A revision of the High School course of study more adaptable to the character of the work which will come with a better equipped building and a larger teaching force.

4. A longer school day in the larger Suburban Schools so as to meet more successfully the requirements of school work. The introduction of a more intensive plan for carrying on the special studies as drawing, music and physical training has made necessary that more time should be given than is possible under the present arrangement. The South Middleboro School is now working under such a plan, beginning at 8.45 and keeping till four o'clock with a half hour intermission at noon. The afternoon session of these larger schools could well be extended to four o'clock as nearly all of them are equipped with electric lights. This should be done up to the time when these schools are consolidated.

5. The adoption of a plan whereby the upper grades of all the Suburban Schools can be transferred to the

Centre even if the above plan is carried into effect. With the erection of the new High School building and the using of the present High School building for a Junior High School, made up of grades 7 and 8, it is only fair to those pupils of those grades in the Suburban Schools to allow them to attend this school. This arrangement would be an excellent one for the Suburban Schools and prove of great benefit until such a time as the plan for consolidating these schools into central buildings should be carried into effect.

6. The opening of a summer school at the Centre, where an opportunity would be given to pupils failing of promotion in June to make up the work by more intensive study and individual assistance, and thus not be obliged to repeat a year's work—often an injustice to the pupil as well as a great discouragement. Many towns by such schools reduce the number of repeaters. An expenditure of \$300 for this purpose would be money well invested and help to grade the schools more effectively.

7. A careful study of the transportation problem to see if some arrangements can be made whereby a smaller expenditure would be necessary.

8. The introduction of some system for the promotion of thrift. The Stamp Saving System of a few years ago was very successful in teaching this subject. Such a plan is in force in a large number of places and it seems to me that it might well be considered whether the adoption of some plan at the present time is advisable.

9. The extension of the work in drawing, and physical training, by personal visits of the supervisors of these subjects to the Suburban Schools. I feel that much better progress would be made if such visits were possible. To bring this about would require that some arrangement be made for transportation by automobile. This would give an opportunity for a visit once in three weeks by each supervisor to each school. The more careful supervision of these subjects and the inspiration to both teachers and pupils by

such visits would be money well expended. With over 400 pupils in these schools it seems to me only fair to them that some such arrangements should be made.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. BATES,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Charles H. Bates,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir :

I submit herewith my first annual report as principal of the Middleboro High School. As I have been in charge of this school less than four months, my report is naturally brief.

I do wish to emphasize, however, the excellent scholarship and deportment which I find in the school, due to the able and conscientious administration of my predecessor, and I wish to express here my appreciation for the attitude of kindly interest and helpfulness which he has shown since my coming. It is a pleasure also to mention here the invaluable assistance which Mr. Leonard O. Tillson has rendered me in my work. I should be most ungrateful if I failed to make note of the professional viewpoint and the spirit of loyal co-operation which exist in the faculty, and which I prize highly. In short, the few months thus far spent in Middleboro have been for me one of the pleasantest experiences in my entire teaching service.

Two matters of fundamental importance ought to be here mentioned. First, due to the increase and changing nature of high school attendance and to the rapidly widening educational needs of the young people, Middleboro, like many other communities, is immediately faced with the problem of broadening the educational opportunities available to young people of high school age. The fact that within recent years fifty-two per cent of the students

who entered the Middleboro High School never stayed to graduate indicates rather clearly that a wider offering of subjects is needed to retain the students in school where we may adequately train them for their future duties as citizens. For some time this situation has been realized by those in charge of the schools, but an inadequate high school building has made the needed progress impossible.

This brings up a second matter of importance. We have noted that Middleboro boys and girls need wider educational opportunities. To provide these a more adequate High School building is necessary. The voters are squarely faced with a choice between dollars and the needs of the boys and girls who are to be the citizens and voters of the future. The present high school arrangement can be continued only at the expense of the boys and girls. A recent editorial in the Boston Herald remarked as follows: "A town never gets on the map by the motto, "Take care of the pennies and the scholars will take care of themselves."

Lastly, the present high school building is a most serious fire hazard. Recommendations which, if followed, will remedy the more serious features of the situation have been made. A fire drill has also been organized which clears the building in slightly less than a minute.

May I in closing thank you for your helpfulness and ask you to express my appreciation to the school committee for their steady co-operation in furthering the welfare of the boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL S. NICKERSON, A. M.

Principal of the High School.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Charles H. Bates,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report of the musical activities in the schools for the past year, which has been an unusually busy one.

The High School chorus is preparing for the annual spring concert, to be assisted by the Girls' Glee Club, the Boys' Glee Club, and the orchestra.

The Boys' Glee Club, a new organization in the school, is composed of more than fifty boys, who sing in four part harmony. They rehearse every Tuesday under the direction of Mr. Nickerson, who has had a wide experience in high school and college glee club work, and the boys are fortunate in having one so well qualified to guide them in this new departure. Boys' voices of the high school age should not be treated like adult voices, and for this reason experience is necessary in directing their efforts to maintain the naturally beautiful quality.

The Girls' Glee Club is doing splendid work preparing for the concert, they are going to show Middleboro a sample of really professional singing.

The High School orchestra bids fair to be the equal of any of which we have boasted.

The Boys' Instrumental Club made a decided hit at the Spring concert, and our regret is that other activities have crowded out the organization this year. But the "Greatest good to the greatest number" is our motto, and so we bow to the fates and hope for better things next season.

The Grammar School chorus is doing good work under Principal Hazard. Four part singing has been introduced here, and the pupils are ready to take up more difficult selections in the High School.

The Grammar School orchestra numbers twenty-two in its ranks this year. We have not only the largest membership, but also the greatest variety of instruments since its organization, and we boast of the youngest 'cello player in any similar school.

Right here I want to thank you for the interest you took in the matter of purchasing a bass viol for the schools, which the Board allowed us to do. One boy is practicing diligently on it, and will soon be able to join us.

The Drum Corps is gaining recruits daily. Our numbers were depleted last year by many of the boys graduating, but when one left several were ready to take his place. We will in all probability soon have a larger crops than was presented previously and we hope to maintain the standard set by the original corps.

The music in the grades has gone along in the even tenor of the past. The tone quality of the pupils, has (to use the words of one who heard them at Christmas time in the Town Hall) greatly improved. The children sang better than ever before. Credit for this should be given to the grade teachers, who are guarding against the too common fault, quantity rather than quality.

The plan worked out by you of grading the schools at North Middleboro, has done wonders for the music in the two schools of that locality. It would help every community if such conditions could be obtained in the Suburban Schools.

The schools in the outlying districts have been visited regularly, and I find hearty co-operation on the part of the

teachers in carrying on the work. All evidence indicates a most successful year for music in the Middleboro schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. PHILLIPS,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

Mr. Charles H. Bates,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir :

The following is a report of the work in drawing and manual training which I am conducting in the schools :

During the fall the study has been on the principles underlying good design, leading to a better appreciation of fine art, "good taste" in the choice of objects for everyday use and the ability to make simple adaptations of these principles that are both practical and pleasing.

Beginning with the winter term, we plan to give the children a special opportunity to develop for themselves the language of drawing. The desire to represent objects, animals and people in order to tell a story will furnish the motive for learning to draw them well.

The ability to plan the making of simple objects from start to finish is our aim in construction work. We lead the child to think out possible ways of proceeding and help him to choose the one that seems best for that particular piece.

The picture-study lessons have been received with enthusiasm. They are an excellent means of correlating art appreciation and history with English composition.

The High School art classes are greatly limited by the short amount of time which the supervisor is allowed to spend there. Then, too, a pupil can work in free-hand or mechanical drawing only by being excused from the class in which he usually recites at that period and making up that work later. This makes it difficult for some who have talent for this work to take the course. If it might be

arranged to have the supervisor spend more time in the High School, the pupils could work with her when they were free from other recitations.

Sewing lessons for the girls of the middle grades are arousing much interest, while the boys are doing simple card-board and book-binding problems.

I find my work encouraged by the interest in drawing which the teachers show, their belief in its practical value, and their co-operation in making it help in the teaching of other lessons.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN B. WELLS,

Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP

Mr. Charles H. Bates,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

The following is my report on the condition of penmanship in the Middleboro schools for the past year:

Our ultimate aim is to teach arm movement writing to the pupils of the public schools. There are two methods of writing known to all, finger movement and arm movement. In my reports of other years I have endeavored to show just what is meant by arm movement and its advantages over finger movement, and I will not repeat here those advantages except to say that they are obvious to all. The Palmer Method, which we are teaching, is simply one of the many good arm movement methods. The fundamental principles of all systems of arm movement writing are the same.

There are two text books in use, one in the primary grades, and one in the intermediate and upper grades. Together with these two textbooks, the primary teachers are supplied with teachers' books containing instructions and model lessons. In addition, the supervisor makes a visit to all the central schools every three weeks, and either personally takes charge of the class or has the teacher conduct the lesson. In this way he is able to make constructive criticism and suggestions. To stimulate interest on the part of the pupils we have the various Palmer Method buttons, pins and certificates, as well as the Ayres Scale for the Measurement of Handwriting.

In certain classes there is a marked improvement in the quality of the work from month to month. As a whole

we have attained a fair degree of success in our work, both in the Central and Suburban Schools. For the first time since my connection with the Middleboro schools, a number of suburban pupils received awards. This speaks well for the teachers of those classes. Many awards were also given to the pupils of the Central Schools, and two-thirds of a High School class in penmanship received certificates for proficiency in business writing.

The actual teaching of penmanship as of any other subject, rests with the teacher, and any results obtained depends upon her knowledge in, and enthusiasm for her work. Conversely, the lack of results might to a certain degree be attributed to a lack of the same qualities. Some teachers state that pupils lose interest in their work because they are given the same textbooks during the intermediate and upper grades. They would like something which the pupils could "take" for a year and then drop, using a different textbook the following year, to be "taken" in the same way. There being but twenty-six letters in the alphabet, it can readily be seen that this is not necessary. The work of "teaching" the subject then falls on the teacher.

Further improvement of the penmanship in our schools, as I see it, must be made through "teaching" and not through the use of more textbooks or merely "giving" a lesson. The textbook is not, of course, sufficient in itself. It requires as much time and forethought in preparing a penmanship lesson for presentation as any other lesson in the curriculum and if that is done, and the work correlated with other subjects, a great improvement can be expected in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. SEARS,

Supervisor of Penmanship.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Charles H. Bates,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

The following is a report of the work in the local schools for the past year:

One of the most pleasing results of the past year has been the increased ability of the teachers in teaching the classroom gymnastics, games and rhythmic steps, which are a part of the daily lessons. To many of the teachers Physical Education was a new subject and required additional preparation to teach, yet they have shown excellent co-operation and results have developed accordingly.

Supervised play at recess periods is the next forward step to be taken and already the local schools have some teacher in charge at recess time. Supervised play does not necessarily mean compulsory play, but does assure every one of fair play, and for those who do not know how to play, games will be given by the teacher in charge.

Athletic tests for motor ability in chinning, jumping, throwing and running begin in January, under the supervision of the teachers, assisted by a picked group of pupil leaders.

Several of the schools had organized teams in baseball last season, even the boys at Union St. school enjoyed the game in the cramped quarters back of the school. Soccer football has been introduced into the local schools for boys and the game of Schlaug ball for girls and teams will be organized as finances for equipment appear.

Athletic games for all boys and girls in the High School is a part of the program of the department of Physical Education and will be pushed forward as rapidly as funds and supervision can be provided. The High School baseball team enjoyed a very successful season under the direction of D. Melvern Gammons, and the football team under the coaching of Everett Clough brought out a large number of candidates than for years past and a fine team was developed.

Many special events in the schools, such as parents' day, holidays and field days, where the work of physical education was given a part in the program showed a keen appreciation on the part of the teachers of the possibilities for bringing joy to the children through the medium of physical expression.

A Field Day will be conducted in May, the program being similar to the "Olympic Play for All" demonstration, which will take place in Paris in June, 1924.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. CROSIER,

Supervisor of Physical Education.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the School Committee:

The campaign to have physical defects of the child corrected is being carried on by the School Physician and Public Health Nurse by repeated examinations of the pupils, by sending notices to the parents of defects found, and by visits to the home by the nurse.

As a result of these efforts I am able to report that during the past year twenty-two (22) children of school age have undergone operation for the removal of tonsils and adenoids and ninety-three (93) have had dental defects corrected.

It is the plan, at an early date, to give the Schick test to all school children, whose parents will give their consent, thereby hoping to eliminate Diptheria from our schools. The mild epidemic of this disease this year emphasizes the wisdom and necessity of this procedure.

The present nurse, Miss Mary Canning, has been with us but a short time and is doing creditable work.

In my work I have had the loyal support of the Superintendent of Schools, the Principals and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BURKHEAD,

School Physician.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Mr. Charles H. Bates,
Superintendent of Schools.

I herewith submit my annual report as Attendance Officer for the year ending December 31, 1923.

There were 326 absentees reported, and the following named reasons were given for being absent:

Absentees reported	326
Moved to another town	5
Truants	13
La Grippe	12
Whooping Cough	22
Tonsilitis	15
Colds	55
Sore throat	31
Mumps	35
Measles	27
Diphtheria	9
No shoes to wear	5
Scarlet Fever	10
Chicken Pox	33
Enlarged Glands	24
Inflammatory Rheumatism	3
Enlarged Tonsils	9
Sprained Shoulder	1
Blistered Heel	3
Home permit	11
Pink eye	3
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Six of the truants were looked up and returned to

school. One was sent to a working boy's home, as a persistent truant. Two pupils under 14 years of age who had procured working certificates through false statements were discovered and returned to school.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WHEELER,

Attendance Officer

WALTER SAMPSON, A. B., A. M., M. P.

Walter Sampson, son of Uriah and Betsey J. (Ashley) Sampson was born in Lakeville, Mass., Dec. 13, 1862. He received his early education in the public schools of Lakeville and later attended Peirce Academy, Middleboro. Desiring a broader education he entered Middleboro High School in 1880, and such were the intense application given to his studies that he was graduated in 1882 with the rank of valedictorian.

Entering Dartmouth College in the fall of that year he soon gained a reputation for thorough scholarship and was recognized as one of the leading scholars of that institution. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, served as one of the editors of the college paper, "The Dartmouth," was also a member of the College Glee Club, and on graduation was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a strictly scholarship society, limiting its membership to those of the highest rank in scholastic attainments. Mr. Sampson has the unique distinction of having had three degrees conferred upon him by his Alma Mater—Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and he was the first graduate to receive the honorary degree of Master of Pedagogy.

His teaching career began while he was yet a college student, as he taught school in Stewartstown, N. H., the winter of 1884-85. After graduation from college he served as Principal of the Academy at Lyndon, Vt., from 1886 to 1890.

He entered on his work as Principal of the Middleboro High School in Sept. 1890 and held this position till forced by illness to resign March 23, 1923. When he assumed charge of this school it numbered 87 pupils with two teachers beside himself. During his last year 291 pupils were en-

rolled and the school had a faculty of 11 members. It is a rare distinction to have an institution under the charge of the same principal for nearly 33 years—a record that not only should be a source of pride to Mr. Sampson, but also a cause for rejoicing to the town that a man of such sterling qualities of character, such scholastic attainments, such skill as an instructor, should have directed and shaped the lives of so many of the young men and women of the town by his inspiring example of upright manhood, conscientious devotion to duty, loyalty to high ideals and consecration to the cause of education of a life of service.

The Alumni of the school, at a special reception in his honor several years ago, presented him with a beautiful gold lined silver loving cup containing \$350.00 in gold as an appreciation of his great service to the cause of education in Middleboro.

Mr. Sampson while attending strictly to his school work has not neglected his duties as a worthwhile citizen. He has served for several years as a trustee of the Middleboro Public Library, is an active member of the Commercial Club, and belongs to the May Flower Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

For several years Mr. Sampson has been interested in fruit culture, and his present occupation is the care of a State Demonstration Orchard at Lakeville, of which he is the owner and proprietor.

The most appreciative honor that ever came to him was the conferring of the honorary title of Principal Emeritus of the School where he has given a large part of his life work. It is an honor richly deserved and justly merited.

Mr. Sampson married Emma M. Stevens of Lyndon, Vt., January 3, 1893, and still makes his home in Middleboro, where we hope many useful years are still in store for him. His fellow citizens will ever regard him as a man worthy of the highest honors they can bestow and one who is ever faithful to every trust.

PROGRAM

Closing exercises of the High School, in honor of Principal Sampson in Assembly Hall, High School, Friday, March 23, 1923.

Remarks to Teachers and Pupils,

George W. Stetson, Chairman of School Board

Reading of Resolutions of School Board,

Supt. Charles H. Bates, Secretary of School Board

The School Board of Middleborough at their meeting in March 1923, having received the resignation of Mr. Walter Sampson as Principal of the Middleborough High School under conditions which convinced them that its acceptance was imperative, voted to accept the resignation, and directed the Superintendent of Schools with the Chairman of the Board to prepare fitting resolutions to be presented to Mr. Sampson in the presence of the School upon the last day of his active connection with it. The following are, therefore, offered:

Be it resolved: That the School Committee of Middleborough accept with profound regret the resignation of Walter Sampson as Principal of the Middleborough High School.

He has held this position for nearly thirty-three years, a record unique in the history of Massachusetts High Schools.

Mr. Sampson entered the Middleborough High School as a student in the Fall term of 1880 to take a four years course in two and graduate in 1882. He entered with an indifferent preparation, a fund of humor, a kindly disposition that won friends, a certain definite purpose, and an indomitable will. These qualities carried him through the course and made him valedictorian of his class on graduation. These same qualities, intensified and developed by a college course and four years of teaching, characterized him when he came to the school as Principal in 1890.

Today through his efforts Middleborough may well be proud of her High School. Its standard of scholarship is high. Its standard of character is higher.

But Mr. Sampson has never allowed the intellectual to dwarf the sympathetic and human side of his character. There is probably no man in Middleborough who has given more good advice to young people which has been accepted and acted upon than he, and no one who has more satisfactorily advised and counseled parents in matters educational.

And be it further resolved: That we do hereby express our deep sense of gratitude as well as that of the Town and Community to Mr. Sampson for the years of hard and faithful work which he has done in our Town and Community with an eye single to the right as he has seen it—work which has often times been unknown and unappreciated, but work which has already born fruit in the improved citizenship which it is giving this Town and other communities and which will continue to have its effect in the years to come.

And be it further resolved: That we do hereby express to Mr. Sampson our sincere hope and trust that with the relief from the arduous duties and responsibilities of his office will speedily come a return to normal health and strength and a long enjoyment of those activities which shall complete a life of devotion to the welfare of this school.

GEORGE W. STETSON,
LORENZO WOOD,
ALLAN R. THATCHER,
KENDRICK H. WASHBURN,
FOREST E. THOMAS,
ADELIA C. RICHARDS.

Members of Middleboro School Board.

Conferring of Title of Principal Emeritus

Chairman George W. Stetson

By virtue of the authority vested in us as members of the School Committee of the Town of Middleborough. we do hereby constitute and appoint

WALTER SAMPSON

as Principal Emeritus of the Middleborough High School, and in conferring this title upon you we confer with it all the rights and privileges which accompany this position, fully trusting that the interest in the School which you have taken through the many past years will still continue, and that this school and community may have the benefit of your ripe experience through many years to come.

RESPONSE OF PRINCIPAL SAMPSON

Mr. Chairman:

I hardly know with what words to clothe my thoughts at this time. It is stating it mildly to say that I highly appreciate the honor which you, in behalf of the School Board, have conferred upon me. It is with many feelings of regret that I feel obliged to give up my position; for it is in this institution where I performed most of my life's work, and where, in my humble way, I have tried to impart knowledge to the youth of this town and help fit them as best I could for meeting the duties and responsibilities of life. And as I look back upon the thirty-three years during which I have served as principal of this school, as I have come to realize more and more the hearty co-operation of school officials, as I recall the extreme loyalty and support of my teachers, the respect and consideration of the pupils entrusted to my charge, the continued confidence placed in me by parents and other citizens of the town in the performance of duties, both scholastic and executive, I feel indeed that my lot was cast under most favorable circumstances. And it will ever be a great pleasure, through Memory's mystic charm, to live over again many of the happy experiences of this period of service.

During this time I have been associated with four superintendents, thirty-three members of the school board, seventy-one assistants, and nearly three thousand pupils, eight hundred sixty-four of whom have been graduated during my principalship. My task has been a laborious one, yet full of pleasure.

And now, Mr. Chairman, I wish through you to thank the School Board for the honor they have bestowed on me. Words cannot express my appreciation of it; so I, like the bashful swain who lacked words in proposing to his lady-love, must leave the rest unsaid.

Presentation of Gifts in behalf of Teachers, Pupils
and Janitor of the School,

Frederick P. Holden, President of the Senior Class
Informal Reception.

STATISTICS

School Year 1922-23

Number of men teachers	5
Number of women teachers	42
Number of supervisors	4
Number of pupils	1,796
Number of boys enrolled	924
Number of girls enrolled	872
Number of High School pupils	298
Number of boys in High School	134
Number of girls in High School	164
Number of non-resident pupils	65

Average daily attendance

Average daily attendance in High School	266
Average daily attendance in Elementary Schools	1,263

Average Membership

Average membership in High School	278
Average Membership in Elementary Schools	1,350
Aggregate Attendance	274,314
Average number of days actually in session :	
High School	183
Elementary Schools	178

Membership classified as to ages, April 1, 1923

(a) Pupils 5 years of age or over and under 7	114
(b) Pupils 7 years of age or over and under 14	1,130
(c) Pupils 14 years of age or over and under 16	247

Registration of Minors, ages as of April 1, 1923

(a) Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	327
(b) Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	1,154
(c) Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	276

Membership in schools by grades April 1, 1923

Grade 1	181
Grade 2	172
Grade 3	206
Grade 4	185
Grade 5	137
Grade 6	158
Grade 7	126
Grade 8	118
Grade 9	99
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	1,382

High School Membership

First Year	109
Second Year	74
Third Year	51
Fourth Year	50
Post-Graduates	2
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Grand Total 1,659

Teachers

Graduates of College	9
Graduates of Normal School	18
Graduates of High School only	20
Valuation of Town	\$7,241,685.00
Valuation per pupil	4,574.00
Number of supervisors and teachers for whom reimbursement from School Income Fund was claimed	50
Amount received for reimbursement	\$9,360.00
Number of pupils with defective sight	90
Number of pupils with defective hearing	63
Number of visits of Superintendent of Schools,	
Central Schools	764
Suburban Schools	105
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GRADUATING EXERCISES

Middleboro High School

TOWN HALL

Friday Evening, June 22, 1923

At eight o'clock

Class Flower: Iris

Class Motto: Onward, Ever Onward

Class Colors: Blue and Gold

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prayer

Rev. Charles Raymond Chappell

Salutatory and Essay

Blazing the Trail

Elvira Hazel Morrison

Class Statistics

Elsie Mary Wells

Vocal Solo

The Hidden Song

Hazel Levinia Chapman

Oration

The Steel Industry

Langley Boardman Stevens

Girls' Glee Club

Dreaming Alone in the Twilight

Recitation

Love More Powerful Than Prison Stain

Josephine Magdalene Giberti

Piano Solo

Rondo Capriccioso

Ruth Loring Thomas

Essay

Five to Four in the Supreme Court

Annie Davies Lee

Recitation

Clothes Make the Man

Muriel Vincent Thomas

Girls' Glee Club

In the Time of Roses

Class Prophecy

Frederick Parker Holden

Medord Joseph Gerrior

Essay and Valedictory

Pilots of Ships and Men

Helen Louise Hulsman

Singing of Class Ode

Written by Alanna Janette Crowell

Presentation of Diplomas

George W. Stetson, Chairman of School Committee
Benediction

CLASS ODE
(Tune of "A Minuet")

I

Now our four years' voyage has reached its end
All too soon, Classmates dear,
And we greet the haven full in view
With a joyful, ringing cheer
Though the way was long and sometimes hard,
Shipmates dear, it is o'er,
And our hold is filled with priceless gems,
Gems of knowledge from many a shore.

II

Now embarking soon on broader seas,
Each his own ship must sail,
Though the way through which we steer our course
Lies oft through storm and gale.
Hope and courage come from memories sweet:
M. H. S., the school we love;
Friends who've taught us how to turn the wheel
With the help of our Pilot above.

Chorus

Still onward we sail
Ever seeking new shore,
And our hearts are brave and full of cheer—
Onward sail evermore.

CORPS OF TEACHERS

Leonard O. Tillson, Acting Principal

Harold C. Sears
Grace Allen
Chrystal M. Chase
Priscilla Stetson
Emily Kelley

John A. Chase
Flora B. Lyons
Margaret C. Kirby
Mabel J. Wall
Mildred Cleveland

Wirt B. Phillips, Instructor in Music
Odessa M. Long, Instructor in Drawing

CLASSICAL COURSE

Josephine Magdalene Giberti	Priscilla Leonard Holloway
Ruth Loring Thomas	

ENGLISH-LATIN COURSE

Jeanette Bowen	Emma Whilhelmina Parry
Helen Louise Hulsman	Felma Augustine Pratt
Mary Josephus Leahy	William Nicholas Sheehy
Annie Davies Lee	Langley Boardman Stevens
Lucile Blessington Mackillop	Edith Geggatt Veazie
Mildred Van Eteen Newkirk	Elsie Mary Wells

ENGLISH COURSE

Dorothy Mathewson Barrows	Ella Mary Macpherson
Thelma Beatty	Mary Gloria Medeiros
Greta Turnis Becker	Elvira Hazel Morrison
Eileen Frances Cavanagh	Helen Elizabeth Perkins
Hazel Levenia Chapman	Bernice Lenora Robbins
Florence Gertrude Coombs	Annie Katherine Roht
Alanna Janette Crowell	Henry Miller Shaw
Theodore Vaughn Deane	Stanley Christopher Strom
John Bradford Dennett	Mildred Taylor Swett
Alvaris Shurtleff Drew	Arnold Linfield Thomas
Medord Joseph Gerrior	Muriel Vincent Thomas
Eva Alma Grant	Thaddeus Peter Tomasik
Lewis Augustus Hill	Robert Stuart Wadsworth
Frederick Parker Holden	Albert Davies Walker
Edgar Vincent Lewis	Edith Mary Ward
M. J. Catherine Mahony	Henry Mathias Winterhalder
Frances McFarlin	Leon Kendall Witham
	Florence Rose Wood

GRADUATION EXERCISES 1923
MIDDLEBOROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Thursday, June twenty-first, at two o'clock
Town Hall

PROGRAM

March of Graduates "On the Hike"	Weidt
School Street Orchestra	
Chorus, "Bells of the Sea"	Lamb
Invocation	
Rev. Charles Raymond Chappell	
Chorus, "Holy, Holy, Holy!"	Dykes
Recitation, "Don't Die on Third"	Cameron
Elwyn Warren Coombs	
Dramatization "Merchant of Venice"	Shakespeare
Act II, Scene II	
Launcelot, Thomas Vincent Maddigan;	
Gobbo, John Kingsley Benson	
Selection, "Dance of the Moths"	Weidt
School Street Orchestra	
Recitation, "A Legend of Bregenz"	Procter
Dorcas Fry Tucker	
Chorus	
(a) "Boola Song"	Hirsh
(b) "March of the Men of Harlech"	Welsh Air
Dramatization "Merchant of Venice"	Shakespeare
Act III, Scene II	
Portia, Irma Olivia Foye; Nerissa, Miriam McDonald; Bassanio, Joseph Miskinis; Gratiano, Bertram Lothrop Thomas, Jr., and Attendants.	
Recitation and Valedictory	
Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata	Anon.
Enid Stuart Bigelow	
Chorus	
(a) "Over the Summer Sea"	Verdi

(b) "Nellie Was a Lady"

Foster

Presentation of Diplomas

George W. Stetson, Chairman of School Committee

Singing, "America"

Smith

Audience and School

Benediction

CLASS OF 1923

Helen Gertrude Alger	Madeline Catherine Harrington
Evelyn Ellsworth Archer	Vivian Hinckley
Charles Sumner Bassett	Marvin Gray Jones
Florence Edna Beauparlant	William Anthony Keenan
Henry Oliver Benjamin	Laura Virginia Kern
Jeannette Mary Rose Louise	George Burkhead Keyes
Benoit	George Thomas Law, Jr.
John Kingsley Benson	Rena Mary Leonardi
Sadie Berman	Alton Herbert Logan
Enid Stuart Bigelow	Arthur Edward MacNeill
Mary Edna Boehme	Ethel Blanche MacNeill
Arthur Vincent Boucher	Thomas Vincent Maddigan
Amelia Leona Boutin	Helen Frances Manwaring
John Ivan Budd	Laurence Frederick McCarthy
Cora Jeannette Butler	Miriam McDonald
Howard Judson Carter	Roger Windsor McDonald
Hilma Esther Chapman	Joseph William Mello
Harriet Arleen Churchill	Joseph Miskinis
Helen Beckman Clark	Agnes Leonora Murphy
Norman Rodney Clark	Charles Lester Newton
Winthrop Howes Clark	Frank Carl Otto Jr.
Gladys Elizabeth Connors	Clara Welt Pearce
Elwyn Warren Coombs	John Joseph Pearson, Jr.
Edwin Allerton Cox	Marguerite Rose Remillard
Martha Wing Deane	Edward Charles Roberts
Dominick Anthony DelVecchio	George James Roht
Jeanette Bertha Deschenes	Marjorie May Sampson
Rose Mary Ditano	James Bernard Scott
Russell George Dupont	Dorothy Hannah Shaw
Orrin Joseph Eaton	Ivan Philip Shaw
Tony Falconeiri	Maxine Clayton Sturgis
James Franklin Farrington	Alonzo Franklin Swift, Jr.
Andrew Thompson Forrest	Orrin Alden Swift
Elizabeth Rose Forrest	Sara Washburn Tallman
Stanley Atwood Fowler	Bertram Lothrop Thomas, Jr.
Irma Olivia Foye	Marian Elizabeth Thomas
Lena Frances Fred	Thomas Francis Thompson
Amy Ermina Furbush	Elizabeth Tillson
Florence Isabel Gibbs	Dorcas Fry Tucker
Robert Preston Goodale	Robert Barclay Tucker
Ansel Bartlett Grose	William Emmet Ware

WAPPANUCKET SCHOOL

Gladys Estell Wall

Arthur Irving Wall

LeRoy Lincoln Rounseville

SOULE SCHOOL

Louise Mayo Thompson

Alice Evelyn Guidoboni

THOMASTOWN SCHOOL

Lucy Josephine Macomber

Gustavus Phillips

CHANGES OF TEACHERS

January 1, 1923, to December 31, 1923

RESIGNATIONS

High School

Walter Sampson
Margaret C. Kirby
Priscilla Stetson

Central Elementary Schools

Adeline Allan, Town House School
Erna L. Cornish, School Street School
Maude G. Higgins, West Side School
Amy M. Cameron, School Street School

Suburban Schools

Ruth L. Sanford, Thompsonville School
Constance A. Sellers, Soule School
Elsie M. LeBlanc, Plymouth Street School

Supervisors

Odessa M. Long, Supervisor of Drawing

APPOINTMENTS

High School

Paul S. Nickerson, Principal
Helen E. Nash
Thalia Stetson

Central Elementary School

Lillian M. Tinkham, West Side School

Suburban Schools

Cecilia Denning, Purchase School
Esther A. Zeman, Soule School

Esther M. Spooner, Wappanucket School

Supervisors

Evelyn B. Wells, Supervisor of Drawing

TRANSFERALS

Central Schools

Alice R. Begley, from Union Street School to Town House School

Anne R. McFarlin, from School Street School to Town House School

Mary H. Head, from Town House School to School Street School

Suburban Schools

Esther M. Thomas, from Wappanucket School to Union Street School

Margaret T. Sander, from Purchase School to School Street School

Blanche K. Howells, from Fall Brook School to Thompsonville School

TENURE LIST

1924

Charles H. Bates, Superintendent of Schools.

Leonard O. Tillson, High School.

J. Grace Allen, High School.

Flora B. Lyons, High School.

Chrystal M. Chase, High School.

Martinia K. Donahue, School Street School.

Harold C. Sears, High School.

Faye H. Deane, School Street School.

Bessie B. Bailey, School Street School.

Edith Frost, School Street School.

Lucy E. Merrihew, School Street School.

Mary H. Head, School Street School.

Hattie M. Jones, West Side School.

Etta W. Toothaker, West Side School.
 Nellie B. Sawyer, West Side School.
 Annabel Ryder, West Side School.
 Eleanor A. Barden, Union Street School.
 Lottie N. Lang, Union Street School.
 Alice R. Begley, Union Street School.
 Sara E. Thurston, Union Street School.
 Flora M. Clark, Forest Street School.
 Mary D. Begley, Forest Street School.
 Maude DeMaranville, Pleasant Street School.
 Mary R. Burke, Green School.
 M. Alice Jones, Rock School.
 Wirt B. Phillips, Supervisor of Music.

MEMBERS OF MASSACHUSETTS TEACHERS' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Charles H. Bates, Superintendent of Schools.
 Paul S. Nickerson, High School.
 Leonard O. Tillson, High School.
 Harold C. Sears, High School.
 Grace Allen, High School.
 Flora B. Lyons, High School.
 Chrystal M. Chase, High School.
 Mabel J. Wall, High School.
 Mildred G. Cleveland, High School.
 Emily Kelley, High School.
 Thalia Stetson, High School.
 Helen E. Nash, High School.
 George N. Hazard, School Street School.
 Alice R. Begley, School Street School.
 Edith Frost, School Street School.
 Margaret T. Sander, School Street School.
 Mary H. Head, School Street School.
 Esther M. Thomas, Union Street School.
 Sara E. Thurston, Union Street School.
 Mary D. Begley, Forest Street School.
 Rose Maley, West Side School.

Nellie B. Sawyer, West Side School.
 Cecilia Denning, Purchade School.
 Esther A. Zeman, Soule School.
 Mary R. Burke, Green School.
 M. Alice Jones, Rock School.
 Esther M. Spooner, Wappanucket School.
 Henry B. Burkland, South Middleboro School.
 Wirt B. Phillips, Supervisor of Music.
 Evelyn B. Wells, Supervisor of Drawing.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 1, 1924

High School

Paul S. Nickerson, Principal, 33 Pearl Street.
 Leonard O. Tillson, Sub-Master, 11 North Street.
 Harold C. Sears, 68 Pearl Street.
 J. Grace Allen, 65 Pearl Street.
 Flora B. Lyons, 23 Webster Street.
 Chrystal M. Chase, 41 School Street.
 Helen E. Nash, 3 Rock Street.
 Mabel J. Wall, 18 Peirce Street.
 Mildred G. Cleveland, 23 Webster Street.
 Emily Kelley, 23 Webster Street.
 Thalia Stetson, 118 South Main Street.

School Street School

George N. Hazard, Principal, Grade 9, Y. M. C. A. Building.
 Elizabeth H. Benson, Grade 9, 12 Benton Street.
 Lucy E. Merrihew, Grades 7 and 8, 22 East Grove Street.
 Mary H. Head, Grade 8, 103 South Main Street.
 Martinia K. Donahue, Grade 7, 8 Reland Street.
 Faye H. Deane, Grade 6 and 7, 63 Oak Street.
 Edith Frost, Grade 4, Wood Street.
 Margaret T. Sander, Grades 4 and 6, 200 Centre Street.
 Bessie B. Bailey, Grade 3, 23 Forest Street.

Town House School

Anne R. McFarlin, Grade 5, 95 South Main Street.

Alice R. Begley, Assistant, 7 Benton Street.

Union Street School

Eleanor A. Barden, Principal, Grade 2, 85 Pearl Street.

Sara E. Thurston, Grade 1, 32 Pearl Street.

Lottie N. Lang, Grade 3, Union Street.

Esther M. Thomas, Grade 4, 4 Reland Street.

Forest Street School

Flora M. Clark, Principal, Grade 1, 18 Forest Street.

Mary D. Begley, Grade 2, 7 Benton Street.

West Side School

Nellie B. Sawyer, Principal, Grades 7 and 8, 361 Arnold Street, New Bedford.

Hattie M. Jones, Grades 5 and 6, 56 Everett Street.

Rose Maley, Grades 4 and 5, Sandwich.

Lillian M. Tinkham, Grades 3 and 4, Rock.

Etta W. Toothaker, Grades 2 and 3, 29 Oak Street.

Annabel Ryder, Grade 1, North Street.

Suburban Schools

Pleasant Street School, Maude DeMaranville, Lakeville.

Plymouth Street School, Elsie M. LeBlanc, North Street.

Purchade School, Cecilia Denning, 190 Centre Street.

Thompsonville School, Blanche K. Howell, Thompson Street.

Soule School, Esther A. Zeman, Wood Street.

Waterville School, Elena Manley, Plympton.

Green School, Mary R. Burke, 44 North Main Street.

Rock School, M. Alice Jones, Rock.

Thomastown School, Olive M. Kidd, Rocky Meadow.

South Middleboro School, Henry B. Burkland, South Middleboro.

Wappanucket School, Esther M. Spooner, Walnut Street.

Supervisors

Music, Wirt B. Phillips, 13 Crawford Street, Roxbury.

Drawing, Evelyn B. Wells, 48 North Main Street.

Penmanship, Harold C. Sears, 68 Pearl Street.

Physical Training, Frank A. Crosier, 28 North Main Street.

SCHOOL SESSIONS

High School from 8.15 to 1.15.

Central Elementary Schools from 9 a. m., to 11.45 a. m., and from 1.15 p. m., to 3.30 p. m.

Half-time plan from 9 a. m., to 11.45 a. m., and from 1.15 p. m., to 4 p. m.

Suburban Schools from 9 a. m., to 12 m., and from 1 p. m., to 3.30 p. m.

STORM SIGNAL

Revised September, 1914

The signal 2-1-2 will be given at 8.15 a. m., for the suspension of the morning session of the Central Elementary Schools and at 12.30 p. m., for the suspension of the afternoon session.

There is no signal for the High School or the Suburban Schools.

FIRE DRILL SIGNAL

Two strokes of gong—pupils will march out without hats and coats.

Two strokes followed by one—pupils will march out with hats and coats.

Fire drills shall be given at least once a week in buildings of more than one story.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The results obtained in this department this year are far more satisfactory than those of the past years, for the reason that more money was available for this work.

By reason of the \$15,000.00 furnished by the Peirce Trustees, and \$5,000.00 contributed by the State, we were enabled to resurface a portion of Wareham St., from near Maxim's garage to Barden Hill Road, a distance of 1500 feet, the cost of which was \$5,000.00 paid wholly by the Peirce Trustees. The resurfacing on Center St., was from Everett Square to Carey St., a distance of 2,800 feet, at a cost of \$9,994.11; the State and Peirce Trustees each paying one-half the cost.

The surface of these roads is two inches thick of what is known as "Hot-Mix" or bituminous concrete, and was mixed with our own plant, and laid with our regular force. On Wareham St., there was an average depth of 2 inches of stone used in resurfacing the old water bound macadam used as a subgrade, and on Center St., some soft places were excavated and filled in with coarse gravel, and an average depth of three inches of stone used to re-enforce this old water bound road.

With the appropriation made for new sidewalk construction we were enabled to make a much needed improvement of the sidewalks on North Main St., from Peirce St., to Center St., and on Center St., from North Main St., to Pearl St. This concrete was mixed in the central mixing plant at the highway yard and carted to the sidewalks with the trucks, thus being able to mix the material at a minimum cost, and place it at very little inconvenience to the public. The results obtained were so satisfactory to the citizens as a whole, that I trust this may be the beginning

of a policy that will allow this department to improve all of the more important walks in the town. As the abutters are assessed one-half the cost, the appropriation should be much larger in order that this work may be completed in a few years.

The policy adopted two years ago of preserving our hard surfaced roads with heavy asphaltic oil has been pursued this year with gratifying results. The application of this material in 1921 on our most heavily traveled road is still in good condition, notwithstanding the fact that it was placed on a worn out water bound macadam which had previously required a coating of tar each year. This road not only carries heavy trucking, but during the summer season carries a very heavy traffic each week end, frequently amounting to 1500 cars per hour.

The policy pursued the past two years in improving the outside roads has been continued this year. All the money remaining in the highway appropriation after deducting the oiling, patching and other maintenance costs of the village streets, has been used in repairing such places on the main outside roads as are impassable during certain portions of the spring.

The \$5,000.00 allotted to the Selectmen for highway work has been spent as follows: Thompson St., \$2,837.00; Plymouth St., from the Green to Waterville, \$485.00; Highland St., \$385.00; Pine St., \$315.00; Walnut St., \$459.00; Cedar St., \$290.00 and Spruce St., \$209.00.

Other work of similar nature has been done from the general funds on Cherry St., \$216.00; Marion Road \$638.00; Sachem St., \$212.00, together with smaller jobs on various streets amounting to \$547.00. This, together with the spring scraping equals \$9,735.00 or 70 per cent of the total appropriation for general maintenance.

There was also an appropriation of \$5,000.00 for the improvement of Plymouth St., from Murdock St., to Bedford St., a distance of about two miles. It was our intention

to scarify this section of road, re-enforce the surface with new gravel, and apply a coat of oil during the summer, but owing to the fact that this department was given \$15,000.00 the first of July to improve Wareham and Center Streets, and because we have only sufficient equipment to work but one job at a time, the Plymouth St. work had to be postponed until late in the fall, with the result that only the scarifying and a portion of the graveling has been done. The remaining portion of the work should be done next year.

The highway problem is one of the most perplexing problems which the country is facing today. The sudden advent of the automobile and its quick rise in popularity, together with its small cost, has made it one of the necessities in modern living. The roads which were in existence at the time of the invention of the automobile had suited the traveling public for generations, and could be built at a very small cost. But these roads are entirely unsuitable for modern travel and the automobile has required that they all be rebuilt of entirely different material than that which had been previously used. When one stops to think that it has taken nearly 300 years to get the roads in this town in reasonably good condition for horse drawn vehicles, is it any wonder that it has not been possible to rebuild all these roads of entirely different material in fifteen years, in order that they may be suitable for modern use?

Previous to the advent of the automobile, a water bound macadam road which was considered a luxury and one that was suited for all travel except the main streets in large cities, could be built for \$5,000.00 a mile, while today a road which only answers the same purpose as did the macadam road costs \$35,000.00 per mile. The public have been willing to spend millions of dollars for automobiles, but only willing to spend thousands for building of roads. Up to the present time real estate has borne the major portion of the cost of constructing roads, with the result that in this town at least the property owner who does not own an automo-

bile has paid for the greatest share of all road construction.

Now, there is only one answer to the question, and that is, if suitable roads are to be built for the use of the automobilist, more money must be provided, and the logical person to provide that money is the man who uses the road, and he is the automobilist, and he should not object to doing this, as there is no money that he spends in connection with his automobile which will give him so great a return as will that spent in road improvement. It not only increases his comfort and enjoyment in riding, but it reduces the cost of operating his car, as it decreases the depreciation and increases his mileage on gas, oil and tires.

I wish that every person who is finding fault with the highway department would give this subject careful consideration, and if he is one who is opposed to increased highway appropriations, he must bear his share of the blame for the condition the roads are now in.

Respectfully submitted,

ICHABOD B. THOMAS,
Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the fifteenth annual report and detailed statement of the duties performed by the Police Department for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

The past year has been an unusually busy one. The constantly increasing number of automobiles, together with illegal sale of intoxicating liquors keeps the police department constantly busy. The addition of the fourth regular parolman has been of great value to the department and to the citizens.

The conditions at the police station are anything but what they should be. The cells are unsanitary and the building is a fire trap. Should a fire start when there are prisoners in the cells and the officers are on their beats there is every possibility that lives would be lost, as the appropriation made for this department does not warrant the keeping of an officer on duty at the station all the time. There is need of more privacy in the cells, as when it is necessary to retain a woman as a prisoner, she has to sit in a chair all night, and a special officer engaged to stay with her.

The available parking space on the streets is constantly crowded, and I would recommend that a vacant lot near the center of the town be obtained for this purpose, as the need of it is more apparent each year, and it probably can never be purchased any cheaper than at the present time.

I would recommend that additional signs be placed at Everett Square for the benefit of traffic, so that the New Bedford traffic may be diverted through High St., Oak

St., and Courtland St. Also that signs be placed at No. Main and North Streets, directing Plymouth traffic to Taunton and Providence through North and Pearl Streets to Center St., thus relieving congestion at the corner of Center and Main Streets.

When a new Fire Station is built I would recommend that Police Department be housed in the same building, as it would be much cheaper to house the two departments in one building than in two buildings, and as there would be constant telephone attendance under this arrangement it would make the police department much more efficient.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Alden C. Sisson

PATROLMEN

Alton R. Rogers

William Murdock, Jr.

Charles H. Rogers

Thomas L. Pittsley

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Paul F. Anderson

Elmer F. Gay

E. Kimball Harrison

Arthur S. Hall

Jesse C. Wilbur

William J. Logan

S. Edward Matthews

A. Tremaine Smith

William Chamberlain

Samuel Hathaway

Warren Jefferson

James E. Keegan

Louis C. Littlejohn

Isaac S. Maxwell

Harry Moore

Ralph Sampson

James J. Vigers

RESIGNED

Arthur S. Hall

Elmer F. Gay

OFFENCES

	Male	Female	Total
Assault and battery	8	1	9
Assault on police officer	1	0	1

	Male	Female	Total
Assault with intent to rape	1	0	1
Breaking and entering and larceny	7	0	7
Cruelty to animals	1	0	1
Capias	3	0	3
Drunkenness	75	2	77
Disturbing the peace	1	0	1
Illegitimate child act, violating	2	0	2
Keeping a liquor nuisance	3	2	5
Keeping liquor with intent to sell	5	2	7
Larceny	17	0	17
Lewd and lascivious cohabitation	1	1	2
Lottery	2	0	2
Neglect of family	4	0	4
Operating motor vehicles under influence of liquor	16	2	18
Peddling without a license	1	0	1
Sale of cigarettes to minors	4	1	5
Track walking	1	0	1
Violation of milk laws	1	0	1
Violation of motor vehicle laws	42	2	44
Violation sale of wood laws	1	0	1
Vagrants	6	0	6
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Number of arrests during the year	190
Males	182
Females	8
Minors	11
Non-residents	70
Native born	147
Foreign born	53
Amount of fines imposed	\$2,670.00
Number of commitments	12
Number of adult cases in Middleboro Court	208

Number of minor cases in Middleboro Court	12
Cases investigated	325
Building found open	147
Disturbances quelled without arrest	14
Lost children restored	4
Nuisances	15
Automobile accidents investigated	77
Death caused by automobile accident	1
Sale of second-hand automobiles reported	1,051
Defective sidewalks reported	6
Defective streets reported	7
Defective water pipes reported	2
Defective street lights reported	42
Street obstructions removed	3
Gaming implements, search warrants served	2
Gaming implements, notices served and posted	2
Warning tags placed on automobiles to report to Police Station	84
Summons served	48
Search warrants for property served	2
Arrested for out of town officers	9
Lodgers	15
Runaways return home	2
Dogs shot	4
Liquor search warrants served	8
Liquor seizures	7
Liquor notice served and posted	7
Value of stolen property recovered and restored	\$2,350.00

CONCLUSION

I wish to express thanks and appreciation for the assistance and co-ordination given me by the Honorable

Board of Selectmen, the Fourth District Court, the people of the town of Middleboro, and the officers of the Department who have helped to make the administration of this department a success.

Respectfully submitted,

ALDEN C. SISSON,
Chief of Police.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The efforts of this department, begun three years ago, to get the water works system into an economical working condition, have been pursued again this year. Special attention has been given to the meter situation. Each periodical reading brings to light a number of dead meters. These are all taken out and replaced with either repaired or new meters and an examination is then made of the ones taken out. If they can be repaired at a reasonable cost they are repaired ready to put back into service, if not, they are sold for junk.

The results of our three years work are that there are but a few dead meters found at each period or reading, and we have now begun a systematic inspection of all the meters by taking out those which have been in service the longest, cleaning, testing and making such repairs as may be necessary, then putting them back into service. This work we hope to continue until all have been cleaned and tested so that no meter will be in service for a period of more than five years without being tested. The results of our efforts show quite distinctly in that while the services added this year have been but few more than last year, our income has increased \$4,500.

Last year we began a systematic inspection of the main gates. This has been practically completed this year with the result that they are now all in good working condition.

The conditions at the Pumping Station have been somewhat improved by repairing the inside of the building and painting the boiler room and the wood work on the outside of the building. Next year we hope to paint the engine room and improve the grounds surrounding the building, as the public judge the purity of the water largely

by the conditions which exist at the source of supply.

This work is being done at practically no expense as the installation of the electric pumps gives the engineers considerable leisure time which they are very willing to devote to the beautifying of the station and grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. GOODALE,
Town Manager and Superintendent.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Operating Account

Construction Mains and Services	\$3,613.11
Clerk	988.00
Meters, new and repairs	3,363.99
Maintenance Mains and Services	4,127.50
Light	37.38
Telephone	113.69
Miscellaneous	908.34

PUMPING STATION

Salaries	3,869.00
Filters	24.99
Power	6,812.37
Oil	39.36
Miscellaneous	734.26
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	\$24,631.99

Water Department

Appropriation	\$24,125.00	Paid interest	\$1,897.50
Bonds and interest	5,347.50	Expense	24,631.99
Deficit	556.99	Paid bonds	3,500.00
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	\$30,029.49		\$30,029.49

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1923.

Population by Census of 1920, 8,453. Date of construction, 1885. By whom owned, Town of Middleboro. Source of supply, well south of village, near Nemasket River. Mode of supply, pumped direct overflow to standpipe.

PUMPING STATISTICS

1. Builders of Pumping Machinery, 2 Goulds Electrically Driven Centrifugal-main units, 1 Gould driven by Moore Steam Turbine and 1 DeLaval complete turbine and pump-auxiliary units.
 2. Description of fuel used:
 - (a) Electric Power of main units.
 - (b) Bituminous coal for auxiliary units.
 - (c) Price per K.W.H. .025
 - d) Average price of coal per gross ton, delivered 9.80
 - K.W.H. Consumed for the year 269284
 3. Coal consumed for the year 36,745
 4. Total pumpage for the year passed through meter 158,807,000
 5. Average static head against which pumps work, in feet 295
 6. Average dynamic head against which pumps work, in feet 300
 7. Number of gallons pumped per K.W.H.
 - Main pump only 697.6
 8. Duty equals gallons pumped (4) x 8.34 (lb.) x 100 x dynamic head (6) divided by total K. W. H. consumed 146,936,000
 9. Cost of pumping figured on Pumping Station expenses \$10,836.22
 10. Per million gallons pumped \$68.08
 11. Per million gallons raised one foot dynamic \$0.227
- Of total amount 70,300 gallons pumped by steam.

STATISTICS OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER

1.	Total population 1920 Census	8,453
2.	Estimated population on lines of pipe	5,340
3.	Estimated population supplied	5,200
4.	Total consumption for the year	158,807,000
5.	Passed through meters, gallons	107,388,629
6.	Percentage of consumption metered	67
7.	Average daily consumption	435,087
8.	Gallons per day to each inhabitant	81.47
9.	Gallons per day to each consumer	83.67
10.	Gallons per day to each tap	355
11.	Cost of supplying water per million gallons, figured on total maintenance	\$132.36
12.	Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons figured on total maintenance, plus interest on bonds, and bonds	\$165.08

STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEMS

Mains

1. Kind of pipe—cast iron, wrought iron.
2. Sizes—1 inch to 16 inches.
3. Extended during year—000.
4. Total now in use—21.22 miles.
5. Length of pipe less 4 inches in diameter 0.166 miles.
6. Number of hydrants in use—152.
7. Number of stop gates smaller than 4 in.—1.
8. Number of blow offs—9.
9. Range of pressure on mains—84-120.

Services

10. Kind of pipe—wrought iron, cement lined, cast iron.
11. Sizes—1-2 inch to 6 inch.
12. Extended—2,024.6 feet.
13. Total now in use—13.78 miles.
14. Number of service taps added—32.

15. Number now in use—1,255.
16. Average length of services—55.18.
17. Number of meters added—54.
18. Number now in use—1,243.
19. Per cent of services metered—99.
20. Per cent of receipts from metered water—96.
21. Number of motors—1.

TOTAL LENGTH OF MAIN PIPE

16-in	12-in.	10-in.	8-in.	6-in.	4-in.	2-in.	1½-in.	1-in.	Total
400	8,084.9	9,362.0	7,403.5	71,355.2	14,604.2	831.7	40.9	4.6	112,087.0
Total length of miles									21.22
Number of hydrants added—1 total									152
Number of gates added—1 total									240
Number of blow offs									9
Service connections made—32 totals									1,315
Number of services now taking water									1,255
Feet of service pipe put in during the year									2,024.6
Feet of service pipe put in to date									72,828
Feet of service pipe within street lines									30,236
Motors in use									1
Meters set during the year									54
Meters now in use									1,243
	5⁄8-in.	¾-in.	½-in.	1-in.	1½-in.	2-in.	3-in.	Totals	
Crown	1	1	1	3		1		7	
Nash AA	49	1	2	1				53	
Nash Type K.	36	3		1				40	
Empire	9	2	1	3	1			16	
Hersey	23		12					35	
Hersey Disc	69	3		1			1	74	
Thomson	195	1				1		197	
Trident	208		1	1	5			215	
Union	2							2	
King	13							13	
Worthington	179							179	
Keystone	27					1		28	
American	360			3	1	1		365	
Watch Dog	18							18	
Gem							1	1	
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	1,189	11	17	13	7	4	2	1,243	

PUMPING STATION RECORD, 1923

Month	Time Pumping		Coal used					Filter Supply Pump Time		K. W. H. Filter Pump	Daily Average			
	Electric	Steam	Daily Average	Gallons Pumped	Daily Average Gallons	K. W. H. Main Pump	Daily Average	Power	Station Heater			Electric	Steam	
January	226.10	4.45	7.23	13,349,000	430,808	18,736	604.3	2,450	4,538	318.25	4.40	10.25	3,262	105.2
February	230.50	3.	8.21	13,496,000	482,000	19,165	684.4	2,200	5,077	338.50	3.15	11.10	3,408	121.7
March	243.		7.50	14,259,000	459,968	20,374	657.1	1,245	3,847	359.5		11.35	3,670	118.4
April	232.35		7.45	13,439,000	448,000	19,292	643	1,000	1,932	339.50		11.20	3,463	115.4
May	242.10		7.49	13,666,000	440,839	19,689	635.1	100		353.5		11.23	3,539	114.
June	241.45		8. 3	14,011,000	467,033	20,122	670.4			367.25		12.15	3,688	123.
July	234.50		7.34	13,570,000	437,742	19,646	633.7			362.53		11.42	3,680	119.
August	225.42	3.20	7.23	13,300,000	429,032	19,061	614.9	2,100		362.37	4.10	11.50	3,600	116.
September	219.23		7. 5	12,824,000	427,466	18,571	618.7			354.50		11.49	3,470	115.7
October	218.40		7. 3	12,800,000	412,903	18,498	596.7	1,500	1,050	350.25		11.18	3,455	111.4
November	202.40	7.30	6.59	12,090,000	403,000	17,127	570.9	3,675	2,966	334.32	8.15	11.25	3,195	106.5
December	204.55		6.17	12,003,000	387,193	17,363	560.1		3,065	334.30		10.48	3,210	103.5
Totals	2,722.40	18.35		158,807,000		227,644		14,270	22,475	4,166.27	20.20		41,640	
Averages			7.30		432,328		623.6					11.28		114

Greatest number of gallons pumped in one day, February 19, 1923, 622,000 gallons.

Least number of gallons pumped in one day, November 11, 1923, 287,000 gallons.

RAIN FALL AND TEMPERATURE RECORD

Temperature Degrees

	Highest	Lowest	Mean	Precipitation Rain and Snow Inches	Snow Inches
January		— 4		6.85	21 $\frac{1}{4}$
February		—12		1.96	14 $\frac{3}{8}$
March		1		4.12	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
April		10		5.71	
May		32		1.24	
June	92	41	65.6	3.13	
July	91	44	66.1	2.13	
August	91	39	65.	2.77	
September	81	36	61.	2.26	
October	75	26	50.8	3.76	
November	65	12	42.3	1.78	
December	59	11	37.	5.14	6
Totals				40.85	45 $\frac{3}{8}$

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

In presenting our annual report of the work of the department we would call attention to some changes in the management and activities at the Farm. We are now devoting more effort to making the Home a paying proposition than to try to get all the income from the Farm. We have at the present time seven boarders, with a prospect of more in the near future, and the money received for board will pay a large proportion of the expenses of the house. Every article of produce from the Farm used in the House has been credited to the Farm, and you may see by our financial report that the expenditures and receipts of the House and Farm combined, with an estimate of the Farm produce on hand show a margin of profit.

The number of people dependent on the Town is about the same as last year. We have been able to discharge some and have added some new ones.

We wish to acknowledge our obligation to the Trustees of the Peirce Estate, as they have expended about \$1,200.00 on the betterment of the buildings.

We wish also to thank the Charitable organizations of the Town for their co-operation in our work.

WILLIAM M. HASKINS

CHARLES S. CUMMINGS

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 1, 1924.

The following is an abstract of the Town Clerk's record for the year 1923:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, JANUARY 15, 1923

Meeting called to order promptly at 11 o'clock by Fletcher Clark Jr., Moderator.

Warrant read in full by the Town Clerk.

The following Election Officers were duly sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

Henry W. Sears
 Alice B. Pratt
 Rhodolphus P. Alger
 Richard E. Cobb
 Lorenzo Wood
 E. Kimball Harrison
 Mabel B. Sears
 Luke F. Kelley
 William M. Haskins
 Thomas C. McCormick
 Helen C. Haley

The result of the balloting was as follows:

MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

Fletcher Clark, Jr.	1,271
Alvin C. Howes	1
Blanks	526

TOWN TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR ONE YEAR

William G. Boynton	392
William W. Brackett	654
Kenneth B. Keedwell	244
Waldo S. Thomas	495
Blanks	13

SELECTMAN, FOR ONE YEAR

Levi O. Atwood	1,103
Frederick G. Maddigan	659
Blanks	36

SELECTMAN, FOR THREE YEARS

Lyman P. Thomas	1,263
Theodore N. Wood	1,342
Blanks	991

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

George N. Dupont	776
Allan R. Thatcher	1,036
Forest E. Thomas	911
Blanks	873

“Shall the Town petition for the installation of an accounting system by the Commonwealth as provided by Chapter 516, General Acts of 1922?”

Yes	606
No	272
Blanks	920

“Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this Town?”

Yes	594
No	870
Blanks	334

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, FEB. 12, 1923

Article 13. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to appoint some suitable person as provided in the will of Maria L. H. Pierce to receive and expend the income of the bequest of the said Maria L. H. Pierce for the benefit of the inmates of the Almshouse.

Article 14. Voted: To cancel authority voted at an adjourned Special Town Meeting held Sept. 27, 1921 to issue bonds or notes of the Town in the sum of Eighty-five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) as Departmental Equipment Water Loan, the same being a portion of an issue of notes and bonds of the Town in the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars authorized at said meeting held September 27, 1921, leaving the amount of said Departmental Equipment Water Loan as duly authorized at Fifty-five hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) and act thereon.

Article 15. Voted: To appropriate a sum, not to exceed Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for use of the Trustees, Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture.

Article 6. Voted: To accept a portion of Carey St., as laid out by the Selectmen. Description of Carey St. Beginning at the south easterly corner of Carey and Centre Streets, said point being the southwest corner of the Central Cemetery, thence running north twenty-seven degrees and forty-seven minutes East along the northwesterly line of said cemetery and said northwesterly line produced, northeasterly a distance of six hundred (600) feet to a point in the southeasterly line of said Carey Street; then turning at right angles and running northwesterly a distance of forty (40) feet to a point in the northwesterly line of the Street being described, thence turning at right angles and running southwesterly in a line forty (40) feet from and parallel to the first described line to the northeasterly line of Centre Street, thence turning and running southeasterly along the northeasterly line of Centre street to the point of beginning.

Article 5. Report of Committee on new High School. Several years ago a committee of five was appointed by the Town and instructed to procure plans and estimates for a new High School for the Town of Middleborough. An architect was employed and plans prepared for a building on the lot in the rear of the old High School building, where the Band Stand is now located. The Town adopted these plans and appropriated one hundred thousand dollars for the construction of the building. Rapidly rising costs, due to war conditions, soon made it apparent that the building as planned would cost much more than this figure, and a good deal of opposition to the proposed location also developed. There was no room on the proposed site for future additions and it became apparent that the building would be too small for the requirements of the school in a very few years. The Committee, therefore, recommended to the Town that the matter be laid over for a time, and this recommendation was adopted and the committee continued.

At the Annual Town Meeting in 1922 the Town voted to add two new members to this Committee and to instruct the Committee to investigate new locations and provide plans for a building to be built in 1923, if possible.

Your Committee has carefully looked into the matter of possible locations and now makes a unanimous recommendation that the new building be located on the lot on North Main St., now owned by the Trustees of the Estate of Thomas S. Peirce and known as the "playground" property.

Your committee has again employed Mr. Edward I. Wilson as architect, and has obtained tentative plans and estimates for a building 160 feet long and approximately 63 feet in depth, to be constructed of brick, consisting of two stairs and a basement, with an assembly hall on the first floor and a gymnasium underneath, together with the other requirements which make up a modern High School building. The detailed plans are submitted herewith as

a part of this report.

The architect has obtained estimates from reputable contractors as to the probable cost of this building, and reports that he believes that the building can be constructed for approximately \$230,000.00. The equipment will have to be provided in addition to this figure and \$20,000.00 is probably a moderate estimate of what will be required for this purpose.

Your Committee recommends that the Town make provision at once for a bond issue to cover an appropriation of \$250,000.00 for the purpose of the building and equipment of a New High School building on the lot named.

It will no doubt be a distinct saving to the Town on total cost if the specifications can be completed and bids called for at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANVILLE E. TILLSON,
DENNIS D. SULLIVAN
WILLIAM G. BOYNTON
BOURNE WOOD
GEORGE W. STETSON
CHARLES N. ATWOOD
GEORGE R. SAMPSON

Voted:—That the Town accept the report of the Committee and that the Selectmen be requested to call a Town meeting for the purpose of authorizing the construction of a new High School building in accordance with the report and for the purpose of raising and appropriating the necessary money to defray the expense of the same.

Yes

349

No

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Voted:—That the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to petition the General Court for authority to enable the Town to borrow money and issue bonds therefor

to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in excess of the present debt limit for the purpose of obtaining funds for the construction and equipment of a new High School building.

Report of the committee appointed at the last annual meeting to consider the advisability of extending the fire alarm system outside the limits of the old Fire District, have met and after considering the matter wish to report as follows :

The original object in view in bringing this matter of extending the fire alarm system before the Town was to provide better fire protection in the outside villages. Your committee concluded that any action taken should be along the line of leading to eventually affording the best protection to all the villages or thickly settled parts of the Town. After due deliberation, and having Fire Protection in view, was of the opinion that all sections of the Town could be better served, not by extending the fire alarm system but by supplying an inexpensive piece of fire apparatus and forming companies to man it.

From information received during the consideration of this matter it was found that the amount necessary to install an adequate Fire Alarm System would be greater than the value received as compared with this same amount invested in fire fighting apparatus.

Your committee feel that if the amount necessary to extend the fire alarm to these places was applied toward the sum required to purchase that class of apparatus for the needed protection of the outlying districts, greater returns would be received than if expended in extending the fire alarm system.

Therefore, after considering the matter from all angles your committee for the reason stated does not consider it advisable to extend the fire alarm system outside the limits of the old Fire District, but would recommend that another committee be appointed to investigate and report at some

future meeting, the best method for the town to adopt of affording additional fire protection to the thickly settled outlying districts of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

CARLTON W. MAXIM
WILLIAM G. BOYNTON
JAMES F. GARDNER

Same committee reappointed.

Article 17. Voted to appoint a committee to report at a Town Meeting as to the advisability of the construction of a new Central Fire Station.

That a committee of five consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and four other members to be appointed by the moderator, be appointed to investigate and to recommend what action should be taken by the Town toward the construction of new buildings for the use of the Fire Department, either on the present location or on a new site, said committee to report at an adjournment of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN
C. W. MAXIM
HERBERT SYLVESTER
LORENZO WOOD
ERNEST S. PRATT

Article 11. Voted: to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be paid to St. Luke's Hospital, established in said Town for the establishment and maintenance of a free bed in the hospital for the care and treatment of persons certified by the Selectmen of said Town to be residents of the Town and unable to pay for such care and treatment.

Article 20. Voted: to authorize the Selectmen to construct a Hydro Electric Plant at the Nemasket Dam and appropriated \$31,000 for same.

Article 4. Voted: to authorize the Town Treasurer,

with the approval of the Selectmen or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1st, 1923, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town but not exceeding the sum of \$250,000.00 Dollars and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year from the dates thereof and any debt or debts incurred under authority of this vote to be paid from the revenue of said municipal year.

Article 12. Voted: to employ a Town Engineer and appropriated \$1,500.00 for same.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING FEB. 19, 1923

Voted: That when this meeting adjourned it would be adjourned to March 26.

Voted: to appropriate the sum of \$2,401.24 for the Plymouth County Tubercular Hospital.

Voted: to appropriate the sum of \$20.00 for services of the moderator for the current year.

Article 22. Voted: That a committee of five be appointed by the moderator, H. A. Wyman as chairman, to serve with compensation to examine, consider and report their findings at the next annual Town Meeting, upon the question of the application of the zoning system, for the regulation of the use, height and area of buildings, fire hazard, and town, village and farming taxation, to the said Town of Middleborough.

Voted:—to indefinitely postpone the above vote.

Article 20. Voted: That for the purpose of extending or enlarging the municipal light plant as provided, the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$31,000 and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, said bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 44, of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten years from the date of

issue of the first bond or note, or at such earlier dates as the treasurer and selectmen may determine. The first of such payments shall, however, be made in the year 1924.

Article 21. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five men, to serve without pay, and report at the next annual meeting the situation of establishing a Town Forest.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, FEB. 26, 1923.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to build, equip and furnish a new High School Building in the Town, appropriate money therefor, to be raised by loan or otherwise, and act thereon.

Moved: That the Town build, equip and furnish upon the North Main St. lot a High School Building, at an expense not to exceed \$250,000 in substantial accordance with the plans submitted by the architect, Edward I. Wilson, and reported at the annual meeting by the committee, and that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 therefor.

And that for the purpose of building and equipping a High School Building as provided in this motion, under Article 1 of this warrant, the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be, and he hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$250,000, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, said bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 44, of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the issue of the first bond or note, or at such earlier dates as the treasurer and selectmen may determine.

The first of such payments shall be made not later than one year from the date of the first bond or note issued therefor.

Voted to use check lists. No 294, Yes 264.

Moved: That the moderator appoint a committee of fifteen, three at least of whom shall be members of the

former High School Committee, and three of whom shall be women, who shall report to the town at a meeting, not later than May 1, 1923, what in their opinion are the three best methods of relieving the congestion in our schools and the probable cost of each method.

Committee :

Lyman P. Thomas, Chairman
 Mrs. William G. Boynton
 James H. Burkhead
 Luke F. Callan
 Mrs. William R. Farrington
 Mrs. George A. Richards
 Frederick G. Maddigan
 Elmer E. Phinney
 Joseph H. Shaw
 George W. Stetson
 Dennis D. Sullivan
 Granville E. Tillson
 Frederick S. Weston
 Roger Wood
 Theodore N. Wood

ADJOURNMENT TOWN MEETING, MARCH 26, 1923

Article 1. Voted to accept Article 143, Section 3.

Article 2. Voted not to accept Article 143, Sections 6-7-8-9-10-11-12.

Article 3. Moved to appropriate the sum of \$2,520 to pay for the services of Architect for plans of new High School building.

Report of the Committee on the Central Fire Station.

The Committee appointed to consider the advisability of the construction of a new central fire station begs leave to report as follows :

We believe the time is at hand when the town should undertake to build a new central fire station upon a new site, and to this end we would recommend that the town

proceed at once to take by right of eminent domain, the land or a portion thereof owned by the American Lithuanian Co-operative Association at the southwest corner of Station and High St., for this purpose, and that a committee be appointed to investigate the needs of the department in the matter of a new building and report with plans and estimates at the next annual meeting.

LYMAN P. THOMAS
CARLTON W. MAXIM
HERBERT S. SYLVESTER.

Report accepted as report of progressive.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, March 26, 1923.

Article 5. By-Laws. Moved: That by-laws be taken up separately and acted upon.

The committee's report be accepted as progress and at such time that a special meeting be called to act on same.

Moved: That 500 copies of proposed by-laws be printed and left with the Town Clerk for those interested.

Article 18. Voted: That action on Article 18 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 3. Voted: That the sum of \$224,304.48, less the estimated Corporation and Bank tax and less the amount to be received from the State Income Tax and plus the State and County tax, be raised on the estates and Polls of the Town, and that it be assessed, committed and collected in accordance with the Statutes and the By-Laws of the Town.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 23, 1923

Article 7. Moved to appoint the Selectmen a committee to authorize Selectmen as a committee to petition the County Commissioners to relocate Plymouth Street near the Purchase School House in accordance with the plans of the Massachusetts State Highway Commission.

Voted that the report of the Committee of 15 be received and be accepted as follows:

To the voters of the Town of Middleboro:

The Committee of fifteen appointed by the Town to report on three plans to relieve the congestion in the schools, present the following:

Plan No. 1. Plan No. 1, so-called, proposes the construction of a new school building that will accommodate the needs of the High School for many years to come, with provisions for future additions when needed, as the solution of the present congestion in both the High and Grade Schools. This will leave the present High School building for the grades and thus postpone the construction of a new grade school beyond the time limit required to retire the bonds of the proposed new school building if the full twenty years are taken for their payment.

The plans are a modification of those presented by the former committee, revised by the architect without additional expense, to correspond with the ideas of the new committee by the elimination of the gymnasium and assembly hall wing and the more elaborate features of the old plans, with the idea in view of ultimately utilizing all available space for class and recitation room purposes, including until needed, the space designed for corridors for the two proposed future wings.

The new arrangement gives a symmetrical building with an ultimate capacity of 645 seats in 18 class rooms, having a floor space of 11,396 square feet, including the library or study, commercial and stenography rooms and 253 seats in nine recitation rooms, having a floor area of 3,686 square feet; including the typewriting, physical laboratory, chemical laboratory and lecture rooms. Also, by varying the size of the class and recitation rooms a greater flexibility is given in the use of the building, so that until needed by the High School, three class rooms on the ground floor and two class rooms on the first floor which open directly on the two side exits, could be used for grade purposes.

On the ground floor of the building are the heating and ventilating equipment, toilets, assembly hall with a seating capacity, including balcony of 490, three rooms that, when needed, can be used for class rooms and two that can be used for recitation rooms. On the first floor are five full size class rooms, 22x30 feet, and four smaller class rooms, 22x26 feet, two of which are made by leaving out the partitions shown on the plans between the two adjacent recitation rooms on either side of the two central class rooms directly in front of the main entrance, principal's room, two teacher's rooms, and one recitation room. On the second floor are three full size class rooms, library and study or class room if desired, commercial, stenography and typewriting rooms, physical and chemical laboratories, lecture room and two small recitation rooms.

The proposed building would be constructed of Bridge-water brick with terra cotta trimmings, hard pine floor stringers, hard wood floors, metal lath and plaster ceilings on the ground floor and wood, lath and plaster ceilings on first and second floors.

At a slight additional cost, as a matter of fire prevention, the interior partitions would be of brick and the boiler room of concrete throughout, being cut off from the rest of the building and entered from the outside of the building.

The boilers are also planned for burning either coal or oil by changing from grates to burners, or vice versa, as the building could be maintained more economically by burning oil.

As now designed, the building contains 439,000 cubic feet, which it is estimated would cost 40 cents per cubic foot, including the blower system of forced heating and ventilating.

A saving of about \$6,000 or \$7,000 could be made by use of the gravity system of heating and ventilating. On the above figure of 40 cents per cubic foot, the estimated cost of the building would be

439,000 cu. ft. at 40c.	\$175,600
Architect fees	8,016
Septic tank and distribution system for sewerage	1,000
Land on North Main St.	7,500
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	\$192,116

to which should be added cost of grading, seeding and walks, making the cost approximately \$195,000.

The cost of equipping the class and recitation rooms is not estimated as some of the old High school equipment could be used and it is proposed to equip the rooms only as needed. The estimated cost of equipping the assembly hall to full seating capacity is \$1,800. Of the \$7,500 estimated cost of land, the interest on this item would through the Pierce Trustees, be available for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the Town.

Plan No. 2. The second plan offered to relieve the present congestion in our schools is an addition to the present building of twelve class rooms and an assembly hall.

This plan will give a High school of twenty class rooms, which will accommodate 630 pupils in a very desirable way, and if used to its utmost capacity, would take care of 160 more or a total of 790.

The class rooms in the addition are 32x22 feet, in which will be 35 seats.

This gives an opportunity to add five more seats when needed. There are three rooms planned for science work, size 32x26 feet, a physical and chemical laboratory and a lecture hall.

The Assembly hall which will seat 542, includes a stage and two ante rooms.

There will be no basement under the hall, but it is advisable to put a basement under the class rooms for toilet purposes. This will leave a portion of unassigned space, probably lighted and heated, for two more class rooms, or could be used for physical training exercises, domestic sci-

ence, manuel training, or any of the practical art courses, whenever the Town decides to introduce these studies into its schools. The addition provides for 315 pupils, allowing 35 seats in each class room.

In the present building there are eight small rooms, 9x10 feet, now used for teacher's rooms, these would care for all added teachers for the entire building.

The present office of the principal would be retained for that purpose, as the main entrance would continue to be on South Main St. The third floor in this building which is very undesirable for class rooms, would be available for other purposes, as it is unassigned. The only change contemplated in the present building is a partition in the assembly hall, making it into two class rooms.

This plan will also help to greatly reduce the congestion in the grades for some time to come, by using the four rooms on the first floor in the addition for the upper grades, in fact, any of the unoccupied rooms in this wing could be used by the grades until they are required for the High School. The present building is already equipped and the other rooms would be furnished as needed. This addition contains 415,000 cubic feet. Estimating the cost at 37 cents per cubic foot, which is considered a very fair price, it will cost \$153,550 plus the architect fees. This amount includes every expense of the addition.

Plan No. 3. This plan is the same as Plan No. 2 except that the addition is only one-half as long.

It would be divided into eight rooms and built along

No basement is contemplated and the westerly end wall the lines of the present building and of similar material. would be built of wood, on the presumption that within ten years the needs of the schools would require a further addition when the entire provisions of Plan No. 2 would be carried into effect except that the assembly room would be placed in the second addition.

In the meantime the school would use the present as-

sembly room, or the Town hall for this purpose.

Plan No. 2 provides for the needs of the High School for probably twenty years or more.

Plan No. 3 provides that only one-half of it would be built at this time.

It is expected that it would provide rooms for the ninth grade and the High School for a period of eight or ten years and its cost would be practically one-half the cost of Plan No. 2.

The cost of equipment and renewing the heater in the present building is not included in either plan.

A two-room portable building could be built in the rear of the present building for perhaps \$6,500, which would give some relief for two or three years.

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN P. THOMAS, Chairman.
ANNIE W. FARRINGTON
AGNES M. BOYNTON
GEORGE W. STETSON
FREDERICK S. WESTON
GRANVILLE E. TILLSON
FREDERICK G. MADDIGAN
JOSEPH N. SHAW
LUKE F. CALLAN
ROGER WOOD
ELMER E. PHINNEY
D. D. SULLIVAN
THEODORE N. WOOD
J. H. BURKHEAD
ADELIA C. RICHARDS

Moved: That the report of the committee of fifteen be received and accepted and the meeting resolve itself as a whole and proceed to ballot.

Moved to ballot on three plans as prescribed, check list and printed ballots to be used.

Vote on Plan No. 3	26
Vote on Plan No. 2	71
Vote on Plan No. 1	214

Moved that the committee as a whole arise and resume the Town Meeting.

Moved to appoint the Selectmen as a committee to authorize the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to relocate Plymouth Street near the Purchase School house in accordance with the plans of the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Moved that the Town build upon the North Main Street lot, a High School Building at an expense not to exceed \$190,000 in substantial accordance with the plans submitted by the architect, Edward I. Wilson, and reported at this meeting by the committee and that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000 therefor. And that for the purpose of building a High School Building as provided in this motion, under Article No. 1 of this Warrant, the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered to borrow the sum of \$190,000 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 44, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the issue of the first bond or note, or at such earlier date as the treasurer and selectmen may determine.

The first of such payments shall be made not later than one year from the date of the first bond or note issued therefor.

Moved to vote by check list.

No	81
Yes	167

Building Committee:

J. H. Burkhead

F. S. Weston

D. D. Sullivan

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, APRIL 30, 1923.

Article 6. Voted: That the Town authorize its Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain in fee under Chapter 79 of the General Laws for certain municipal purposes to wit: to build thereon an engine house, etc., a certain lot of land situated in the Town of Middleborough and bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a point in the southwesterly side line of said High Street, said point being the northerly corner of land recently conveyed to Middleborough Lodge No. 1274 B. P. O. E. and about 344 1-2 feet northwesterly from the intersection of said southwesterly side line of High Street with the northwesterly side line of Oak Street, thence south 41 degrees 30 minutes west in line of said land of said Lodge 429 feet to land now or formerly of one Leonard; thence north 49 degrees 15 minutes west in line of said Leonard land, land now or formerly of one Thomas, land now or formerly of one Washburn and land now or formerly of one Harlow, about 242 1-2 feet to land of the Old Colony Railroad Company; thence north 43 1-2 degrees west in line of said Railroad land, and land now or formerly of one Bailey, sometimes called "The Blacksmith Lot" about 279 feet to southerly side line of Station Street; thence south 75 1-4 degrees east in said southerly side line of Station Street, about 197.2 feet to said southwesterly side line of High Street; thence south 48 degrees east in said southwesterly side line of High Street, about 141 feet to point of beginning, and that the town appropriate therefor the sum of \$7,500.00.

Yes	63
No	42

Moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,500 and that it be assessed and collected. Voted.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Aug. 1, 1923.

Under Article 1, it was voted that: The Town appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to be included in

the tax levy for the current year, the same to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen for the purpose of rebuilding "Woodward" bridge, so-called over the Taunton River between the Towns of Middleborough and Bridgewater. This sum so appropriated to be used on the condition that the State and the Town of Bridgewater appropriate such additional sums as will be sufficient to complete the cost of rebuilding said Bridge.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1923

Date	Name of Bride and Groom	Residence
Jan.	1 Allen C. Braley	Freetown
	Mary L. Pittsley	Freetown
	6 William Leon Bernier	Middleborough
	Belva Tinkham Holmes	Middleborough
	8 George Littlefield Burnham	Middleborough
	Mary (Abercrombie) Gardner	Middleborough
	16 Thomas Warren Pierce	Bridgewater
	Mary Silvia	Middleborough
	25 Gilbert Philips Bradford	Kingston
	Margaret McAuley	Middleborough
	26 Charles Allerton Bourne	Middleborough
	Almira Newel Pierce	Middleborough
	29 Harold Lincoln Dunham	Middleborough
	Sarah Olive Reed	Lakeville
Feb.	30 Francis Leroy Taft	Middleborough
	Mary A. Bradley	Marion
	3 Miles Henry Standish	Middleborough
	Addie May Weld	Middleborough
	11 Walter Holland Grant	Middleborough
	Leah Mary Cormier	Bridgewater
	14 Henry Albert Dickerman	Taunton
	Edith Whitman	Middleborough
	24 Robert Sharp Jones	Middleborough
	Louise May Powers	Middleborough
Mar.	24 Manuel Pina Marks	W. Wareham
	Mary Jane Sears	Middleborough
	11 Walter Louis Pittsley	Middleborough
	Elizabeth Agnes Rogers	Middleborough
	20 Anthony Azevedo	Taunton
	Gladys Rathbone	Middleborough
	23 Robert Thomas Shurtleff	Middleborough
	Priscilla Lee Churbuck	Middleborough
April	24 Harvey Bigelow Goodale	Middleborough
	Charlotte May Selley	New Bedford
	2 Roger Francis Ryder	Middleborough
	Ida May Merrihew	Middleborough
	2 Richard Peter Byrnes, Jr.	Middleborough
	Mary Anna Silva	Middleborough
	9 Howard Gordon Wright	Middleborough
	Bertha Lorette Wright	Middleborough
	15 William Henry Arey	Middleborough
	Emma Ruth Cushing	Brockton
	16 John Martin, Jr.	Middleborough
	Mary Soares	Fall River
	19 Abram Louis Sanford	Middleborough
	Agnes Vivian Boehme	Middleborough
	22 Emery Franklyn Griswold	Middleborough
	Emily Shannahan	Roxbury
	22 John Nicholas Zervas	Middleborough
	Panagiota Paul Bousios	Somerville

	28	Francis Rose	Middleborough
		Anna Cecelia Lawson	Brockton
	29	Frank Pfister, Jr.	East Taunton
		Helen Rita Byrnes	Middleborough
	30	Charles Patrick Devlin	Middleborough
		Elizabeth Creedon	Middleborough
May	5	Charles Belmont	Middleborough
		Luicie Santos	Middleborough
	5	Joseph M. Enos, Jr.	Wareham
		Mary Costa	Middleborough
	9	William Soloninka	New Bedford
		Gladys Winifred West	New Bedford
	21	Herbert James Brooks	E. Middleborough
		Ann Agnes Benson	Middleborough
	29	John Burgess, Jr.	Middleborough
		Margaret Caswell	Lakeville
June	2	Manuel Silva	Middleborough
		Antonia Santa	Middleborough
	2	Ernest Walter Fuller	Plympton
		Doris Bradford Manley	Plympton
	2	Lincoln Francis Miller	Middleborough
		Eva Blanche Raymond	Middleborough
	9	Andrew Francis Tatro	Middleborough
		Alice Josephine Joyce	Middleborough
	17	William Francis Holden	Lakeville
		Georgeanna St. Ouge	Lakeville
	15	Russell Everard Carver	No. Middleborough
		Jesse Alice White	No. Middleborough
	17	Charles Austin Allen	Middleborough
		Esther Maude Corliss	Bridgewater
	18	Frederick C. Davis	Bourne
		Mabel Lilian (Mills) Clark	Bourne
	23	Edwin Baylies Meade	Danville, Vir.
		Madeline Merle Read	Middleborough
	23	Stanley Francis Alger	Middleborough
		Priscilla Stetson	Middleborough
	23	Leslie Grant Maranville	Middleborough
		Helen Elizabeth Perkins	Middleborough
	30	Edwin Clark Bennett	Somerville
		Elizabeth Weld	Middleborough
	30	William E. Gardner, Jr.	Middleborough
		Emma Reis	Middleborough
	30	Norma B. Orrall	Lakeville
		Annie Marion Matheson	Middleborough
July	4	Roy Victor Fagerberg	Middleborough
		Goldie Mackenzie	Whitman
	14	John Phillip Berriault	Middleborough
		Katherine Carson	So. Wareham
	14	George Robert McGrady	Middleborough
		Lena Thelma Weeman	Middleborough
	19	Cuthbert Bowles	Middleborough
		Verna Christina Mosher	Lakeville
	21	Walter Mason Parker	Middleborough
		Elsie Louise Munroe	Middleborough
	21	Frank Wilfred Thomas	Middleborough
		Georgette C. Harris	Carver

	24	Philip Edward Benoit	Middleborough
		Delia Willette	Bridgewater
Aug.	1	Francis Henry Crowley	Taunton
		Jennie Amy Clark	Middleborough
	3	Sylvester Greene	Middleborough
		Lulu Elizabeth Brooks	Middleborough
	4	Palm Joseph Doucette	Middleborough
		Evelyn Irene Shurtleff	Middleborough
	19	Arthur J. Robey	Framingham
		Ada Carol Watts	Framingham
	25	William Vincent Rose	Middleborough
		Eleanor Charlotte Johnson	Middleborough
	27	Charles Richmond Cobb	Middleborough
		Hannah Harlow (Sparrow)	
		Shaw	Middleborough
	31	Ralph Oscar Nickerson	Middleborough
		Lillian Annie Powell	Middleborough
Sept.	1	Don Harold Trombley	Middleborough
		Elizabeth Westgate Thomas	Middleborough
	3	Basil W. Bartlett	Middleborough
		Leah Galfre	Middleborough
	3	Harold W. Pierce	Wareham
		Lillian May Long	Middleborough
	6	Leon Melix	Middleborough
		Helen Stets	Middleborough
	8	Arthur Ouellette	Middleborough
		Marion M. Flood	Middleborough
	10	John Alden Glover	Middleborough
		Hazel Frances LeBaron	Middleborough
	11	John Howell Kauffman	Des Moines, Ia.
		Alice Darrow Shaw	Middleborough
	19	Harold Chester Perkins	Middleborough
		Emma Louise Soule	Middleborough
	22	Arthur Lewis Standish	Middleborough
		Edna May Kelley	Lakeville
	22	Alfred Henry Fickert	Middleborough
		Estella Rose Nourse	Middleborough
	24	Ernest Mosher Nelson	Middleborough
		Rose Elizabeth Roberts	Middleborough
Oct.	3	Ernest M. O'Toole	Middleborough
		Loretta McGuire	Brockton
	6	Philip Sidney Holmes	Gardner
		Mabel Marie Karlson	Middleborough
	8	Raymond Perry	Wareham
		Anna Boutin	South Middleborough
	11	Quintus Lorain Ashley	Taunton
		Felixine Louise Savard	No. Middleborough
	12	Matthias K. Long	Middleborough
		Nellie L. (Walker) Pittsley	Middleborough
	17	George N. Dupont	Middleborough
		Margaret Isabelle Downey	No. Brookfield
	18	Alfred Fish Burgess	Lakeville
		Ethel Grogan	Lakeville
	22	George A. Shurtleff, Jr.	Middleborough
		Alice T. Rice	Middleborough

	25	Albert Joseph Carr	Middleborough
		Flora Mary Ouellette	Rochester
	26	Eugene James Hayes	New Bedford
		Mary Ellen Baker	Middleborough
	27	Grover Dewitt Stubbs	Middleborough
		Florence (Morgan) Lacerte	Middleborough
	27	George Henry Phillips, Jr.	Middleborough
		Dorothy Sampson Perkins	Middleborough
	27	George McLeod	Middleborough
		Dorothy Evelyn Isackson	Middleborough
	27	George Edward Gove	Middleborough
		Delena McLeod	Middleborough
	27	Ralph Burbeck Harris	Middleborough
		Jessie Heath	Middleborough
Nov.	2	Daniel Martin Sullivan	Middleborough
		Hazel May Griffith	Carver
	5	Edward Perkey	Freetown
		Amanda (Unchand) Laporte	Freetown
	10	Clifford George Bernier	Middleborough
		Ivy Brooks	Middleborough
	12	Francis Greenon Coyle	Taunton
		Theresa Mary Tassinari	Middleborough
	17	Rudolph Waldmer Johnson	Lakeville
		Grace Nelson (Marden)	
		Hathorn	Lakeville
	26	Christian Gomes	Middleborough
		Carolina Passos (Athyve)	
		Pacheco	Middleborough
	27	Earl Daniel Nichols	Barrington, R. I.
		Fannie Josephine Bordeaux	Middleborough
	28	Ovila St. Amand	Middleborough
		Minnie Louise (Fagerberg)	
		McLaughlin	Middleborough
	28	Leon Corsini	Middleborough
		Margaret Sarah Cameron	Middleborough
	29	Arthur Rancke	Middleborough
		Lucy Robidoux	Middleborough
	29	Horace Gamache	Middleborough
		Dosia Fillion	Middleborough
	29	Frank Leslie Perkins	Middleborough
		Elizabeth Johnston	Middleborough
	29	Edward Maurice Flynn	Middleborough
		Anastacia Helen Spratt	Bridgewater
	30	Louis Forney	Plymouth
		Valeria Sutkus	Middleborough
Dec.	8	Francis Mitchell	Middleborough
		Mary Agnes Pierce	Middleborough
	8	Salathiel Hathaway Holmes	Middleborough
		Anna Goodell (Hatch) Swift	Middleborough
	22	Frank Harry Dutra	Middleborough
		Sarah Mildred Weeman	Middleborough
	29	Eugene W. Keedwell	Middleborough
		Marion Jacques	Middleborough
	30	Howard Shockley Shaw	Middleborough
		Jessie Elmer Harding	Brockton

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLE- BOROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1923

Date	Name	Names of Parents
Jan. 1	Stephen Stanuliewicz	Benedyk and Eda Jurevicz
	Wasylyi Sawyrda	John and Eva Bidonewick
3	Virginia Rose Richmond	Harry E. and Doris A. Forsberg
	Leonard Leslie Dyer	Herman T. and Ellen C. Barbarick
	Russell Dexter Blackburn	William and Blanche M. Tobey
5	Paul Charles Mitchell	Harry E. and Elizabeth Kelleher
	Charles Alvin Rowley	Thomas F. and Jeannette Gardner
8	Roger Leonard Quelle	Francis B. and Marjorie T. Leonard
10	Morton Chester Decker	Andrew and Mabel Morton
	Dorothea Rose Huxley	Edward J. and Rose Corsini
13	Ellen Gallagher	John V. and Ellen C. Walsh
	Earle Francis Burns	James H. and Sarah MacLean
17	Norman Merrill Clark	Leslie N. and Marguerite C. Domina
23	Harold Vincent Barney	George S. and Bertha J. Duffany
25	Nicholas Galanto	Antonio M. and Angelamaria Iampietro
28	John Edward Rusk	Thomas L. and Amelia Reuse
	Helen Ethel Briggs	Arthur E. and Bertha M. Wright
	Lavinia Emily Chace	Ernest P. and Bertha S. Wilbur
Feb. 3	Louis Garafolo	Peter and Sabina Petrosi
4	Dorothy Mae Canfield	S. Mitchell and Frances E. Silva
6	Helen Avis Attaquin	Benjamin L. and Helen M. Peters
8	Leslie William Thomas	Leslie M. and Lillian B. Greeley
9	George Michael	Manuel and Elizabeth McMahon
	Edith Elizabeth Williams	Frank B. and Bethia M. Rounds
11	Nathan Webster Parker	Arthur H. and Ruth C. Dryden
14	Joseph Charles Kunces	Charles and Polly Polniski
17	Anthony Qukna, Jr.	Anthony and Annie Baboneke
19	Robert Milton Ellis	Henry M. and Lena E. Hollenbeck
	Arline Frances Guilford	Frederick V. and Mary A. Thomas
24	Andrew Anack	Anthony and Anna Rock
	Constance Anita Haley	Charles E. and Edith E. Harding
25	Evelyn Rita St. Armand	Philip and Emily Rondelli
26	Taimi Matilda Haavisto	Keasto H. and Lempe Kunseta
28	John Grimiewicz	Frank and Zilpha Stankewicz
	Helen Keith Eaton	Norman G. and Judith B. Dunham
	Frank Znotin	Kazimer and Annie Krips
Mar. 3	Maurice Allan Parkkonen	Matthew and Alma Huhtanen
4	Eleanore Margaret Shaw	George A. and Marguerite G. Archibald
	John Andrew Roberts	Joseph I. and Annie M. Anderson
6	Francis McClave	Edward and Agnes Burke
8	Thelma Lawrence Holmes	Martin L. and Viola R. Holloway
12	Thomas Frederick Cleverly	Harold T. and Louisa Hunt
13	Frederick Martin Fuller	Frederick M. and Eleanor M. Washburn
	Barbara Pearl Sturtevant	John M. and Regina B. Webber
14	Mary Agnes Sears	Harold C. and Katherine E. Fay
20	Roger Edward Beech	Commi and Marjorie H. Washburn
21	Raino William Paananen	Andrew and Lydia Maukonen
25	Joseph Walter Hirst	Joseph S. and Mary Goldridge
		Thomas E. and Lena M. Dixon

- 26 Edith Donato
 27 Helen Polisson
 29 Francis Lovell Keith
 Helen Louise Athanasios
 Apr. 1 James Curtis Hayward
 2 Natalie Cole Perkins
 Tremaine Stanley Smith
 4 Edward Everett Place
 Robert William Dudley
 Joseph Carbone, Jr.
 6 William Henry Sloan
 10 Annie Nuigi Matrisciano
 Priscilla Kelley
 12 William Lyman Meier
 16 George Eddy Standish
 20 William Ewell Thayer, Jr.
 Leonard Edward Dunham
 21 Mary Josephine Paganotti
 22 Ronald Melvin Westgate
 23 Yolanda Simone
 29 Arleen Mae Thayer
 May 11 Robert Winfred Logan
 Louis Armand Duphily
 13 Alice Armstrong Ouelette
 14 John Evanoff
 18 Gloria Davis Goodwin
 19 Arlene Mae Bernier
 20 Roland Joseph Benoit
 20 Marjorie Louise Erickson
 22 Elaine Norris
 23 Albert Bernard Lang
 26 May Ellen Duarte
 27 Robert Edmund Fuller
 28 Rozella Wood Saunders
 28 William Buck Crossley, Jr.
 30 Mary Elizabeth Begley
 30 Clarence Trafton Mendall
 June 1 Phyllis Robert Powell
 6 Virginia Joyce Hokanson
 11 Arthur Gerard Gamache
 11 Benjamin Lee Lindsay
 12 Nathalie Thomas Hoard
 12 Cora Lillian Russell
 13 George Philip Gaudette
 13 Anne Lucille McDowell
 14 John Gomes
 14 Stewart Washburn
 14 Albert Foster Soule, Jr.
 15 Ruth Ethel Smith
 16 Thalia Frances Provonche
 18 Cecilia Agnes Savard
 22 John Everett Berry
 25 Gertrude Francis White
 28 Madeline Adelaide Gardner
 July 1 John Lees Carter
 John and Philimena Callouche
 James G. and Georgia Anastopoulos
 Clifford L. and Doris A. Kelley
 Charles and Jennie Wrightington
 William H. and Minnie M. Varmanridge
 George R. and Mildred C. Cushman
 Alton T. and Martha A. Tinkham
 Benton E. and Ruby Sharron
 Walter A. and Edna Cadman
 Joseph and Beatrice Wilbur
 Arnold and Edith Burt
 Tony and Annie Festa
 Roger W. and Grace M. Hatch
 William F. and Gertrude Russell
 Forest B. and Lillie C. Sawyer
 William E. and Lillian A. Westgate
 Herbert H. and Mabel A. McGarigle
 Dominic and Lena S. Veroni
 Clarence M. and Carrie L. Moranville
 Tony and Paulina Fresenga
 Azel O. and Florence M. Carver
 Frederick M. and Ella Frances Benton
 Joseph M. and Amanda Fortin
 Wilfred J. and Alice A. Armstrong
 John and Jennie Smith
 Ralph W. and Aurelia Gladys Berry
 William L. and Belva T. Holmes
 Clifford H. and Lea Bourgett
 Charles D. and Doris A. Wood
 Elwin H. and Doris H. Broughton
 Charles H. and Katherine McNeil
 Joseph M. and Sylvia Rose
 Chester B. and Minnie F. Tinkham
 Everett L. and Katherine Perkins
 William B. and Madelene Beers
 William J. and Marie Quelle
 Ralph B. and Marjorie B. Kendall
 Henry D. and Mildred H. Clare
 Albert W. and Lillian Greaves
 Joseph and Annie DeFour
 Grover and Mary V. Lawrence
 Wendall G. and Hellen M. Thomas
 Milton F. and Annie E. Ellis
 George P. and Ellen J. Carlson
 Herbert W. and Annie B. Larner
 Joseph and Annie Pina
 Charles P. and Mary E. Stewart
 Albert F. and Alberta N. Soule
 James H. and Edith M. Mander
 Dana H. and Marguerite M. Meservey
 Emile and Agnes McMahon
 Walter E. and Marian McLean
 Warren F. and Sarah R. Griswold
 Howard C. and Anna M. Galfre
 John Jr., and Alice F. Lees

	5 Fletcher Clark, 3rd	Fletcher, and Marguerite E. Swift
	8 Frederick Arthur Ault	Frederick W. and Margaret Breadon
	9 William Clifford Gardner	Ernest C. and Clara E. Holder
	11 Shirley Estelle Clough	Earl A. and Estelle M. Swanson
	17 Arthur Warren Hudson	Guy and Mabel Cahoon
	18 Lawrence Bartlett Shaw	Harrison C. and Nina G. Blake
	18 Barbara Estella Shaw	Harrison C. and Nina G. Blake
	21 Arleen Ellen Tibbetts	Frank C. and Lillian M. Hinks
	22 Malcolm Kenneth Delano	Rolphe A. and Madlyn Stearns
	24 Margaret Mary Eldridge	Harry F. and Alice M. Gilday
	24 Kristinos Swietlevich	Frank and Mary Becker
	25 Phillip Vincenzo Iampietro	Leonardo and Maria Papoli
	25 Albert Lawrence LeBarnes	Frank A. and Cora S. Ricard
Aug.	1 Douglas Warren MacAulay	Aulay S. and Viola L. Farrington.
	9 Dominic Serra	Angelo and Frances Boare
	9 Leonard John Giovinetti	Vincent and Carolina Colluccie
	11 Edward Joseph Farley, Jr.	Edward J. and Elizabeth G. McCausland
	17 Dorothy Mildred Caldwell	Harrison M. and Vera N. Haywood
	18 Roger Crosby Scudder	Wilson S. and Mildred Fisher
	20 Shirley Jane Neal	Garland L. and Ruth Cloyes
	23 Marguerite Elizabeth Klocker	Matthias and Bertha A. Kaiser
	24 Vernon Atwood Porter	Chester H. and Isabel F. Atwood
	24 David Bishop	George A. and Ada Parkinson
	27 Madeline Eleanor Ducette	Francis and Marguerite Anderson
	28 Nellie Arnette Taylor	James H. and Alice E. Augers
	28 Margaret Elizabeth Conant	Ralph G. and Ruth L. Jones
	28 Anna Emilia Coulter	Ernest A. and Anna Marie Richards
	28 John Susa	Joseph and Marie Corriero
	29 John Camillo Martins	Jacintho and Anna Correiro
	29 Evelyn Louise Parker	Chester A. and Clara A. Lee
	30 Foryst Milton Beauchemin	Arthur G. and Maud E. Dunham
Sept.	1 Warren Bradford Standish	Miles H. and Addie M. Welds
	4 Laura Elizabeth Thomas	Bradford S. and Louise M. Kelley
	7 Walter Franklin Stone	Walter F. and Irene E. Keith
	13 Allen Leslie Robinson	Arthur and Edith Cook
	13 Philip Eugene Marble	Harold E. and Mabelle Brownell
	16 Allan Turner Burgess	Earl Francis, and Fredrice V. Carr
	17 Harry Reginald Butler	Charles S. and Kathleen E. Grogan
	19 Albert Thomas Maddigan	Ralph W. and Vera Beaumont
	19 Alvin Marshall Bigelow	Frederick J. and Edith M. Clark
	23 Virginia Blanche Trinqu	Dennis and Blanche E. Smith
	23 Pina	Jimmie and Mary Deas
	25 John Joseph Canavan	Joseph T. and Helen C. Pearson
	27 Eunice Louise Jones	Robert S. and Louise M. Powers
	27 Wales Gomes	Avelino and Emma Cabra
	30 Catherine Margaret Norris	George E. and Clara Barnett
Oct.	1 Edward Albert Grant	Walter H. and Lea M. Cormier
	1 Eugene Everett Briggs	Winthrop N. and Margaret Anderson
	5 Katherine Rose Gay	Lewis B. and Rose A. Tatro
	10 Marsella Arliete Patterson	Grover C. and Dora S. Susee
	10 Ronald Grover Patterson	Grover C. and Dora S. Susee
	10 Francis Robidoux	Joseph S. and Esther M. Cashon
	13 Elizabeth M Becker	Chester F. and Lucy Rawson
	15 Joanne Mendall	Theodore F. and Eleanor B. Monroe

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| 18 Irene Francis Willette Murdock | Francis W. and Georgiana Willette |
| 19 Robert Leonard Anderson | Harry T. and Mae C. Long |
| 20 Norman Napoleon Desrosiers | Alfred J. and Nellie Faelle |
| 21 Virginia Mary Prinzo | Ralph and Katherine M. Colluccio |
| 25 Orlando Marra | Angelo and Giuseppina Bova |
| 28 Shirley Lorraine Pittsley | Walter L. and Elizabeth A. Rogers |
| 28 Edwin Sampson Allison | William C. and Mattie Murdock |
| 30 Thalia Myrtle Farrington | Charles L. and Catherine E. MacDonald |
| Nov. 1 Arline Retta McAnagh | Edward L. and Bertha E. Benoit |
| 1 George Kempton Pittsley | George F. and Annie M. Horn |
| 2 Alice Francis Cobb | Clarence A. and Ruby H. Keyes |
| 4 Richard Bryant Pierce | Leon B. and Dorothy R. Baker |
| 5 Bessie Dascoulias | Nicholas G. and Athansia Tretouros |
| 5 Demetria Dascoulias | Nicholas G. and Athansia Tretouros |
| 5 Marion Ellen Commeau | Ozias and Dora Blakeley |
| 6 Robert Edward Pierce | Thomas W. and Mary Silvia |
| 9 Minnie Freedman | Isadore and Rosie Lob |
| 12 Francis Arthur Chausse | Eugene and Madeline LeBlanc |
| 14 Lewis Francis Vaughn, Jr. | Lewis F. and Elva G. Griswold |
| 15 Angelo Ralph Merlucci | Michael and Mary Garafalo |
| 17 Stephen D. Pauliak | Damian and Anna Sowada |
| 18 Elizabeth Eaton | Harry A. and Hattie M. Hosker |
| 18 Robert Alden Gurney | Irving and Nellie F. Fillmore |
| 19 Herman Harrison Vickery | Rodney and Alice Cook |
| 19 Edward Alex Moquin | Alex L. and Josephine E. Desrosiers |
| 23 Thalia Higgins | Darragh L. and Maude G. Churbuck |
| 23 Elizabeth Dunham | Horace H. and Gertrude L. Cox |
| 23 Carol Dunham | Horace H. and Gertrude L. Cox |
| 27 John Mello | John and Mary Silvia |
| Dec. 2 Nersas H. Haroutunian | John and Rosie Deamenjian |
| 3 John Farnum Sylvia | John and Daisy R. Farnum |
| 3 Francis Bernier | Albert and Mary M. Collins |
| 3 Della Nancy Azevedo | Anthony and Gladys Rathbone |
| 7 Helen Regina Thomas | Lawrence H. and Mary D. Ouillette |
| 8 John Allyn Burgess, 3rd | John A. and Margaret F. Caswell |
| 12 Marjorie Florence Ennes | Alexander J. and Mabel F. Thomas |
| 14 George Herbert Lee | Charles A. and Agnes M. Cameron |
| 12 Samuel Zournajian | Horien and Mary Sinabian |
| 14 Charles Phillip Spavold | John O. and Mary E. Teabo |
| 15 Charles Franklin Page | James A. and Martha B. Woolley |
| 15 Alfred Victor Edward Joseph Malenfant | Joseph and Yvonne St. Denis |
| 16 Sylvia Capen Drake | Reginald W. and May L. Sutliff |
| 16 Bessie Louise Russell | Frederick B. and Lillian Millard |
| 19 Lloyd Bazinet | Hervey A. and Lillian M. Courtney |
| 21 Edith Louise Duprey | Lewis E. and Minnie M. Morgan |
| 22 Marjorie Jean Littlefield | Edward W. and Estella M. Cooper |
| 23 Mary Ellen Currier | Manuel and Alma Pittsley |
| 26 Irene Elizabeth Atwood | Elverson E. and Lillian J. Weightman |
| 31 Dorothy May Forrest | John A. and Josephine W. DeMoranville |

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLE- BOROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1923

Jan.	1	Ellen Victoria Parker	70	8	2
	7	Lavinia Raymond	77	10	11
		Marion Phoebe French	87	5	15
	8	Sarah Thompson Carver	77	9	13
	10	Clara M. Place	75		
		Ida E. Damon	49		23
	14	Ellen Gallagher			1
	18	Walter Russell Perkins		11	28
	19	Russell Dexter Blackburn			16
	20	Patrick H. Duggan		2	8
		Myron Heywood	69		
	27	Sylvia Terry Delano	2	5	1
	28	Laura Virginia Kern	50	6	10
		Charles Herman Boehme	78	2	25
	31	Mary Eliza Leach	64	2	21
Feb.	13	Ida J. Higgins	69	6	10
	15	Truman Cushman Savery	57	1	22
		Laura Messer	77	11	15
	17	Emma Anna Bersig	59	3	10
	19	Timothy Francis Creedon	71	6	1
	21	Hazel Stella Hodgdon		11	17
	24	Polly Savery Cushing	85	9	26
	26	Joseph Perry Azevedo	71	9	12
	2	Charlotte F. Whitten	53	11	6
	12	Herbert F. Grose	6	9	21
Mar.	2	John Grimariwcz			2
	7	Susan Adelaide Eaton	80	11	1
	14	Mary A. Sidebottom	56		
	18	Annah Jane Tinkham	80	4	28
	22	William McCousland	62		
	23	Gaetano Veroni	53	5	3
	27	Watie Anna Harding	88	8	5
		Emma Eliza Whelden	73	11	20
	3	Grace Osborne	11	6	14
	12	Cora A. McDonald	47		
	23	Lizzie Barrows	55		1
Apr.	1	Emma Annette Earle	81	6	21
	5	Mabel Anna Swenning	40		9
	6	William J. Norris	40	8	25
		Arthur Greaves	59	1	25
	10	Alfred Frederick Peterson	77	10	20
		Sarah Ann Atwood	65	9	27
	11	Rufus J. Nourse	61	10	12
	21	Martha Ann Shaw	77	9	20
	23	Abigail Small	84	7	1
	24	Herbert F. Purdy	53	10	13
	26	Isaac Edson Perkins	83	3	25
	28	Wallace Haywood Jones	21	4	5
		Lizzie Agnes Perkins	55	11	22
		George Franklin Sears	57	11	18

	9	Rocco Barnaby	59	5	21
May	2	Anthony Diotte	61	6	8
	3	Lucy Mary Falconeiri	18		24
	4	Lucy Artin Aghaian	13	10	19
	5	Manddania Augusta Thompson	79	10	3
	7	Sally A. Sherman	80	3	20
	8	William Morrill Reed	67	3	11
	11	Abel Irvin Hopkins	58	6	1
	13	Emma Ida Melix	57	7	15
	17	Mamie Kellum	48	3	2
	18	Alice A. Ouellette	17	3	
	22	Harriet Maria Perkins	84	9	19
	23	George Edwin Chase	58		
	29	Richard Thompson Supple	70	9	13
		Anthony Zilonis	51	11	16
June	3	Ruth MacQueen	36		16
	6	Owen F. Cahill	39	8	25
	11	Arthur Robidoux	26	2	8
	16	Agnes Frazer Devitt	62	3	27
		Charles Herman Rudolph	80	11	24
	21	Elizabeth Ellen Riley	79	10	5
	22	Loring Atherton Huckins	44	9	6
	21	Sarah Josephine Pittsley	78	6	27
	22	Melissa Briggs	76	11	20
	25	Sarah Griswold Abbott	56	10	13
	28	John Mansfield Conant	66	3	12
July	10	Mary Brindamour Tessier	61	2	10
	20	Chester Arthur Parker, Jr.	15	3	20
	21	Eliza Rebecca LePorte	74	7	2
	27	James W. Tees	73	10	25
Aug.	9	Daniel Barrett	54	4	7
		Stephen J. Murphy	58	7	19
	11	Sophia A. Whitney	88	3	16
		Elizabeth Maria Ryder	94	2	12
	17	Alice Clifton Howe	56	10	26
Sept.	8	Charles Donnelly	74		
		Ida Mabel Shaw	55	6	12
	9	Edward P. Gove	81	9	1
	10	Helen Blakely Scanlon	75	5	22
	16	William Worth Slocum	75	5	27
Oct.	7	Elizabeth Forrest	70	3	
	13	Caroline Wood Hathaway	68		26
	15	Edward Brainard Whitmarsh	66	6	12
	19	Susan Norveill	87	4	9
	24	George W. Colley	40		
	28	Shirley Lorraine Pittsley			1
	29	Nellie M. Rogers	65		
	7	Mary Merritt	73	10	14
	19	Katherine Rose Gay			14
Nov.	1	Susan E. Leonard	55	3	13
	6	Ruby Hathaway Cobb	35	4	16
	13	Ellen Carnell Valentine Frost	63	9	12
	20	Frances Augusta Whitney	20	9	17
	22	Deborah Frances Eaton	83	11	26
	24	Elizabeth Dunham			1

	29	Henry Lewis Thomas	82	8	3
	12	Emma F. Prime	66	7	21
Dec.	1	Carol Dunham			8
	13	Austin Mendall Howard	62		24
	16	Andrew Forest	71	4	1
	17	Lothrop Augusta Hayden	63	9	28
	24	Frederick Weston	80	9	1
	26	Mary A. Owen	79	8	8
		Peter Hamel	43	9	4
	30	John Charles McCreedy	36	6	7
		Caroline Lemmo	43	9	2
	31	John Deane	84	9	27

ELECTION OFFICERS

Precinct 1.

Warden, Bert J. Allan

Deputy Warden, Robert C. West

Clerk, Percy W. Keith

Deputy Clerk, Ernest I. Perkins

Inspector, Benjamin E. Holmes

Deputy Inspector, Harold M. Pratt

Teller, James F. Gardner

Deputy Teller, Horace W. Macomber.

Precinct 2.

Warden, Henry W. Sears

Deputy Warden, Sylvanus L. Brett

Clerk, Walter L. Beals

Deputy Clerk, Luke F. Kelley

Inspector, Henry B. Schlueter

Deputy Inspector, Kenneth B. Keedwell

Teller, John J. Mahoney

Deputy Teller, Ralph W. Maddigan

JURY LIST, 1923.

- Clifton F. Babbitt, Clerk, School St.
- George H. Bailey, Shoeworker, Wood St.
- William W. Bearse, Clerk, Wareham St.
- Clifford H. Benoit, Shoeworker, 142 Everett St.
- John L. Benson, Mill Worker, Miller St.
- Rufus T. Benson, Blacksmith, Wareham St.
- Anatole Bourgeois, Shoeworker, 47 School St.
- Fred L. Bowman, Real Estate Agent, 30 Courtland St.
- Benjamin W. Caswell, Caterer, 15 Peirce St.
- Walter M. Chipman, Reporter.
- Louis D. Churbuck, Carpenter, Elm St.
- Percy T. Clulow, Farmer, Bedford St.
- Alanson F. Cobb, Shoeworker, Wareham St.
- George A. Cox, Janitor, 82 Pearl St.
- Edward H. Cromwell, Real Estate Agent, 2 High St.
- Nathaniel S. Cushing, Sawyer, East St.
- Albert Deane, Poultry Dealer, Soule St.
- George A. Deane, Peddler, Thompson St.
- Arthur H. Denham, Shoeworker, 60 No. Main St.
- Reginald W. Drake, Insurance, Courtland St.
- G. Delmar Dunbar, Clerk, Bourne St.
- Eugene L. Dunham, Shoeworker, 18 Elm St.
- George A. Dunham, Carpenter, Smith St.
- James R. Dunham, Machinist, 18 Elm St.
- William Egger, Merchant, Pearl St.
- William P. Fessenden, Clerk, Plymouth St.
- Charles O. Gammons, Farmer, Highland St.
- Joseph M. Gibbs, Shoeworker, Wareham St.
- James R. Glidden, Merchant, 18 High St.
- Frederick L. Hammond, Hotel Proprietor, No. Main St.
- Lewis F. Harding, Bookkeeper, Rice St.
- Wordsworth H. Harvey, Woodworker, Miller St.

William M. Haskins, Retired, 29 Oak St.
 Sven A. Hokanson, Tailor, Centre St.
 John G. Howes, Auto Garage, Rice St.
 Roy M. Huntley, Farmer, Centre St.
 Waldo E. Jackson, Retired, 9 Cambridge St.
 Eugene J. Keith, Carpenter, 35 North St.
 Percy W. Keith, Insurance, Plymouth St.
 Ralph D. Kelley, Clerk, Pearl St.
 Carl G. Kendall, Salesman, 45 Courtland St.
 Kenneth B. Keedwell, Merchant, 18 Frank St.
 Parker H. Kennedy, Salesman, 2 Alden St.
 Henry O. King, Shipper, 11 Arch St.
 Ralph J. LeBaron, Farmer, Wareham St.
 Charles A. Lee, Shoeworker, Ash St.
 Orville H. Leonard, Clerk, 63 Oak St.
 Edward B. Lovell, Agent, Barden Hill Road.
 John L. Luippold, Shoeworker, 17 Arch St.
 Ralph W. Maddiigan, Insurance, 71 Everett St.
 Harry S. Maxim, Farmer, Marion Road.
 Eugene H. McCarthy, Shoeworker, 58 Everett St.
 Arthur B. Monroe, Salesman, Peirce St.
 Frank C. Otto, Mill Worker, 56 E. Main St.
 Albert R. Owens, Teamster, E. Grove St.
 Wilfred H. Paradis, Shoeworker, Frank St.
 Arnold G. Pembroke, Poultry Dealer, Plymouth St.
 Winfred L. Perkins, Salesman, No. Main St.
 David R. Pierce, Shoeworker, Wareham St.
 Herbert A. Pratt, Merchant, Peirce St.
 Arthur T. Robinson, Clerk, 64 Centre St.
 Theodore A. Richmond, Retired, Pleasant St.
 Clarence H. Ryder, Carpenter, Highland St.
 Ralph E. Ryder, Carpenter, Plymouth St.
 Benjamin C. Shaw, Lumber Dealer, Plymouth St.
 Edwin F. Shaw, Farmer, Summer St.
 George F. Shaw, Farmer, Plymouth St.
 Frank J. Schiederich, Shoeworker, 5 Mayflower Ave.
 James J. Sheehan, Salesman, Reland St.

Harrison T. Shurtleff, Board Sawyer, France St.
 Chester E. Smith, Farmer, Wareham St.
 Charles H. Soule, Poultry Dealer, Cedar St.
 Edwin E. Soule, Lumber Dealer, Cedar St.
 Arthur H. Standish, Farmer, Thompson St.
 Walter I. Standish, Shoemaker, Pleasant St.
 Myron R. Sturgess, Cranberry Grower, Rocky Meadow St.
 John J. Sullivan, Merchant, Pearl St.
 Charles W. Swett, Carpenter, Fairview St.
 Alfred E. Thomas, Woodworker, Smith St.
 Frank S. Thomas, Engineer, Wareham St.
 George L. Thomas, Plumber, 6 Court End Ave.
 Ichabod B. Thomas, Jr., Shoemaker, Warren Ave.
 Waldo Thomas, Clerk, 22 Webster St.
 Charles S. Tinkham, Shoemaker, 11 Courtland St.
 Chester M. Washburn, Lumber Dealer, Plymouth St.
 Charles M. Weeks, Clerk, Rice St.
 Albert T. Westgate, Clerk, Miller St.
 Joseph T. Westgate, Telephone Emp., Courtland St.
 Frederick S. Weston, Clerk, Plymouth St.
 Charles O. White, Shoemaker, Bourne St.
 George H. Wilbur, Photographer, Plymouth St.
 Horace C. Wilbur, Farmer, Marion Road.
 Harold S. Wood, Salesman, 9 High St.
 Bourne Wood, Insurance Agent, 14 Elm St.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN

Assistant Assessors,

Forest E. Thomas

John T. Weston

Registrars of Voters

Walter M. Chipman

Health Officer,

John H. Wheeler

Tree Warden,

Harry J. Goodale

Burial Agent,

Theodore N. Wood

Dog Officer,

Jesse C. Wilbur

Field Drivers and Pound Keepers,

Fred C. Sparrow

E. Kimball Harrison

Alden C. Sisson

Fence Viewers,

Frederick S. Weston

James A. Thomas

Luther B. Pratt

Inspector of Alewives, East Taunton,

Morrill K. Deane, Taunton

Inspector of Animals,

Walter H. Haskell

Inspector of Slaughtering,

John H. Wheeler

Inspector of Wires,
Jesse C. Wilbur

Inspector of Milk,
John H. Wheeler

Sealer of Weights and Measures,
Louis C. Littlejohn

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Lumber

Leo J. Quindley
Albert T. Savery
Frederick S. Weston
Henry W. Sears
Frank S. Thomas
Levi O. Atwood
Myron W. Baxter
Ernest I. Perkins
William G. Wilcox
Albert Deane
L. Mendall Boehme
N. S. Cushing, Jr.
Charles N. Warren
James A. Thomas
Albert F. Mitchell
Charles N. Atwood
Benj. C. Shaw
Chester E. Weston
Harrison F. Shurtleff
Ernest S. Pratt
Forest S. Churbuck
William F. Clark

Public Weighers,
Louis C. Littlejohn
Louis Ritter
Lura A. Thomas
Ernest S. Pratt
May Sparrow
Thomas F. Rowley

John Rebell
 Edwin F. Shaw
 Wilson S. Scudder
 Robert T. Shurtleff

Soldiers' Physician,
 Dr. Charles S. Cummings
 Dr. A. Vincent Smith

Town Hall Agent,
 E. Kimball Harrison

Forest Warden,
 Harry J. Goodale

Trustees of the Public Library,
 Walter L. Beals
 Walter Sampson
 Nathan Washburn

Town Counsel,
 Nathan Washburn

Police, Special
 Arthur S. Hall
 Warren E. Jefferson
 Elmer F. Gay
 William Chamberlain
 Paul F. Anderson
 A. Tremaine Smith
 Samuel Hathaway
 Isaac S. Maxwell
 S. Edward Matthews
 James J. Vigers
 Ralph Sampson
 Louis C. Littlejohn
 Jesse C. Wilbur
 E. Kimball Harrison

James E. Keegan

Harry A. Moore
Keeper of Lockup,
Alden C. Sisson

Patrolman,
Thomas L. Pittsley

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION OF MILK

To the Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen :

I herewith submit my annual report as Inspector of Milk for the year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

After careful investigation of reports that dealers were selling cows in Middleboro that had not been tested with tuberculine, I am convinced that producers are complying with section three of the Milk Regulations of the Department of Health, and are insisting that a certificate stating that the cow had been tested and found to be free from tuberculosis, before they consent to purchase.

There were three collections of samples of milk during the summer, and analysis of those samples demonstrated that eighty percent was good wholesome milk, and that twenty percent was below the standard required by the laws of the Commonwealth. The dealers who were furnishing milk below standard were notified and requested to submit samples of milk from each of their cows, and analysis of these samples indicates what cows were giving the poor milk. One producer had five cows out of twelve giving milk so low in butter fat that the milk could not legally be sold in the Commonwealth.

Sixty dairies were inspected during the past year. Forty were in condition to score 60 points out of 100. The first inspection 10 required two inspections, and five required three inspections.

There were sixty-six licenses and 23 producers' permits issued in 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WHEELER,
Inspector of Milk.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION OF
SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

Owing to trouble between the holder of the Slaughtering license (the Board of Health voted to grant one only) and the owner of the slaughter house, no slaughtering was done in Middleboro, except a few hogs which were killed on the premises of the people who raised them.

There were eleven hogs and one veal killed in Middleboro in 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WHEELER,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE MOTH DEPARTMENT

It gives me pleasure to report that the Moth Department for 1923 accomplished a large amount of work economically and efficiently.

In the early spring, before the leaves had advanced to a size large enough to spray, the crew cleared and destroyed a great deal of wild cherry brush along the roadside, upon which the tent caterpillar lives through the winter in the egg stage. The destroying of the brush also destroyed the egg clusters, thus helping to control this pest. The question has been asked as to why we can not more effectively combat this caterpillar, and the reason is that we have relied upon the one spraying to take care of both the tent caterpillar and gypsy moth. We have found this one spraying to be impractical because the tent caterpillar hatches out and starts feeding very early in the spring, and should be sprayed at that time, while the gypsy moth spraying should be done later. A spring campaign of creosoting for the tent caterpillar has been planned, which, I expect will show a marked improvement.

The spraying for the gypsy and brown tail moths is more important than that for the tent caterpillar, and must be done when the pupa or caterpillar is not too far advanced. If the spray is used too late, the poison, Arsenate of Lead apparently has no effect except possibly as a stimulant, therefore, all of the available equipment, consisting of two 4 H. P. sprayers mounted on trucks and one 10 H. P. horse drawn sprayer, were brought into use to cover the two hundred miles of Town roadway before the pupa was too large. During the spraying season it was noticed that there was a marked decrease in the number of parasites seen. Probably these parasites have moved on to more heavily in-

fested areas, and if this is true we will get little or no help from them. The gypsy moth lives through the winter or dormant stage in the egg. We destroy these by painting with creosote and during this work we have found no heavily infested areas, although they were fairly numerous on trees we could not spray during the spring, because of their close proximity to houses, gardens, pastures or hay lands. Approximately every oak, elm and maple tree on the highways had at least one egg mass, from 200 to 400 individual eggs. This great number of eggs in one mass will easily explain the importance of creosoting. It was also noticed that because of the extremely dry summer, a large amount of the egg masses were close to, or on the ground, making the work more difficult than usual.

During the spring creosoting of private property a large number of brown tail moth nests were found, but not nearly as many as in previous years. These nests are quite difficult to get because they are usually found on the tops of the trees where the pests bind a few leaves to the branch and live through the winter in the pupa stage.

The elm tree beetle was present, but not to any great extent, being controlled by the Arsenate of Lead spray in the spring.

Having all tools and equipment in first class condition, also a crew of experienced and capable men, we were able to do considerable private spraying of orchards and cranberry bogs. The books show actual work done on 130 private jobs. We are planning to be able to handle even more work than this in the spring. We furnish the Arsenate of Lead and charge the work at actual cost. Other poisons and insecticides can be used if furnished by the owner. Besides this spraying we are in a position to correctly prune orchards and do cavity work of shade trees. The department is at all times willing to give advice as to the proper care of fruit or shade trees.

In conclusion, I hope that the tax payers of the Town

of Middleboro will feel free to call upon us for any of this kind of work.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE CARPENTER, JR.,
Local Moth Superintendent.

MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the President and Board of Trustees of the Middleborough Library:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit a report of the Middleboro Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1923.

Following the form adopted by the American Library Association, all statistics are presented in tabulated form. It seems advisable, however, to give a brief resume of those phases of library activity which cannot be pigeon-holed.

As a glance at the statistical tables will show, the day when libraries served merely as storehouses for books has long since passed. Aside from reading for pleasure, people are reading for definite technical instruction. There is an ever-increasing number of requests for material on metal-work, engineering, carpentry, textiles, dairying, apple-growing and poultry raising. Not only townspeople, but those in other states have availed themselves of the resources of the Library. This is especially true in regard to genealogical questions, the Library having received requests from Maryland, Nebraska, New York and New Jersey.

The schools are a very potent factor in the growing use of the Library. Depository collections of pictures and maps as well as books are available for classroom use. The Forest St. school has deposits of books for over-night use at home. Classes from this school have made several visits to the Library where they were shown books and given brief talks on the care of books and on "Library manners."

During the year the various members of the staff have

attended district library meetings and round table discussions. In June, Mrs. Mertie E. Witbeck was granted six weeks leave of absence in order to attend the Summer Session of the School of Library Science, Simmons College, where she took courses in classification and cataloging.

In June, the by-laws limiting the number of books to two per person were suspended, and adult borrowers given the privilege of drawing an unlimited number of books with the exception of recent fiction.

Through the courtesy of the Massachusetts Library Commission the local Library has received travelling libraries of books in Armenia, Greek, Italian, Polish and Portuguese. There has been a gratifying response on the part of the non-English speaking townspeople in the use of these collections. By means of the system of Inter-library loans, the Library has been able to borrow from Taunton, Boston and Brockton, a number of books for special reference use.

Chief among the gifts which have been presented during the past year, are a grandfather clock and five paintings from Mrs. H. Tracy Hanks; a set of "Art of the World as shown at the Columbian Exposition" from Mr. E. H. Ruhl; and a set of the first seven volumes of the "Nemasket Gazette" from Master John J. Wood. Mrs. H. LeBaron Sampson very kindly presented a palm for the decoration of the lobby.

Among the purchases of the year may be mentioned the 1922 edition of the New International Encyclopedia in twenty-four volumes, and an eight volume history of the World War, compiled for the American Legion from official documents of the participating countries.

In July the Library received a long needed cleaning by a group of workers from a Boston cleaning firm. The task was one of no mean proportions and the cost was by no means slight. In order that the excellent work done by the cleaning firm might not be in vain, a woman has been engaged for one-half day each week to aid in keeping the

building in a clean and inviting condition.

Miss Laura Dean of East Middleboro has kindly continued her volunteer services in distributing the depository collections sent her. Mr. Henry Burkland of the South Middleboro school has organized a branch library for the accommodation of people living in that vicinity, the branch being housed in the school building. Although first instituted for the use of the school only, this station receives depository collections from the central Library and is open to the public on Thursdays, both afternoon and evening. Miss Margaret Mostrom, a pupil at the school, is in charge of the care and distribution of books and magazines.

The Librarian wishes to express her thanks to all who have contributed either in tangible gifts or in spirit to the work of the Library, and especially to the publishers of the Middleboro Gazette for their courtesy in printing notices and items pertaining to Library matters. To the members of the Board of Trustees and to her co-workers on the staff, the Librarian acknowledges with warm appreciation the spirit of co-operation and the earnest effort which have contributed so largely toward the service the Library offers to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

E. LUCILE PALMER,

Librarian.

Population served (1920)	8,453
Terms of use	Free for reading and reference
Total number of agencies, consisting of	
	Central Library
	South Middleboro Branch
	East Middleboro Depository Collection
Other agencies	School Buildings
Number of days open	306
Hours open each week	72

Total number of staff—full time	4
Part time	1—page duty
Number of volumes at beginning of year, approximately	25,700
Number added by purchase	725
Number added by gift	73
Number added by binding	42
Total	26,832
Number lost or withdrawn	292
Number at end of year	26,540
Total number of volumes lent for home use	64,709
Number by classes—	
General	3,619
Philosophy	256
Religion	144
Sociology	309
Philology	47
Science	488
Useful arts	765
Fine arts	731
Literature	1,196
History	607
Travel	808
Biography	641
Fiction	37,454
YF	9,766
YNF	7,704
Foreign	84
New cards issued	340
Adults	154
Children	186

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The year 1923 has been an active one for the Trustees

of the Middleborough Public Library, more matters having been brought to their attention for action than has usually been the case.

The resignation of Miss Mary M. Eddy, who had served us so well as Librarian for eleven years, was received to take effect May first. After consultation with the State Department of Libraries it was considered advisable to employ a trained librarian and Miss E. Lucile Palmer of Dighton, then an assistant in the library of Adelbert College of Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio, was engaged. As Miss Palmer could not take up her new duties until June 15th Miss Eddy very kindly consented to remain until that date.

It being necessary to increase the amount of salary paid to the librarian and also to the assistants, the Peirce Trustees agreed to make up the difference for the balance of the year. It appears, however, that the increased compensation given to the assistants is not as much as is paid in other libraries and, if the efficiency of the library is to be maintained, it will be necessary to make a further increase.

Many changes have been made in the rules and operation of the library which, although undertaken by way of experiment, seem to be of sufficient value to warrant their adoption as permanent improvements. Among these may be mentioned the opening of branch libraries, chiefly through the schools, and the increase in the number of books that may be taken out by one person at one time. The library has also been thoroughly cleaned for the first time in several years.

More complete information may be found in the report of the Librarian.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,
WALTER L. BEALS, Clerk.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Number of female dogs licensed	309
Number of male dogs licensed	578
Number of breeders' licenses	3
Number of kennel licenses	1
Number of dogs killed	2
Number of arrests	0

887

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. WILBUR,
Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

This year's work has closed with more satisfaction to us and the taxpayers than for a great many years. The land values were raised materially throughout the business district and a small per cent on all other parcels, which met with approval in most every instance.

Through the efforts of the Assessors' Association the State furnished each town and city in the Commonwealth a copy of the registration of each automobile between January 1st and April 1st, thus enabling us to make assessments on owners of automobiles that never have been assessed before because they claimed no ownership previous to April 1st, and we had no way to prove different. With the present method, no abatements can be obtained until we are satisfied the tax is paid elsewhere. We sincerely hope the State will see fit to continue sending these blanks.

It is our purpose to meet all taxpayers more than half way, therefore, at this time we would call their attention, and especially those who own personal property, to the necessity of filing a statement of their tangible personal property on or before May 15th of each year in order to claim adjustment without a penalty of 50 per cent as provided by the General Laws, Chap. 59, Section 61. These statements must be filed according to the values as of April 1st, and they may be obtained at the office, or will be mailed upon request.

Early this year we made a request for \$500 to continue our plans and blue prints, which are well underway and are used daily to good advantage, but after due consideration the Appropriation Committee allowed us \$500 for an Expert Appraiser to help us in equalizing the values of buildings and land. He came in August and spent a month

drafting plans of houses, and getting all the information possible about them, then working out the probable fair assessment that should be placed on them, and in no instance did he find our values very far out of proportion. He has made a good start and if this work could be continued a little each year it would not be long before our Town would be completed and our values more equal, then the taxpayer with all improvements could not complain against his neighbor who has none. This appropriation made for an Expert Appraiser should not be made in lieu of the one for Plans and Blue Prints, as the Plans and Blue Prints are far the most valuable.

The question of transportation for the Assessors has always been a hard one to solve as no one could afford to give their autos to be used for 15 cents per mile, for the reason that some days they would not travel more than three or four miles and would make at least a dozen stops, which everyone knows, uses up a car very quickly. This year a Ford car was purchased from the appropriation and when the season work was completed, sold it, turning the money back to the Town. This method has proven more satisfactory to all and less expensive to the Town.

It is our aim to make proper assessments and not make hardships on any taxpayer, and it is our intention, with our limited facilities, the coming year to get as much data as possible, of each parcel and try to equalize the values more thoroughly.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. SHAW

JAMES F. GARDNER

ERNEST S. PRATT

Assessors of Middleborough.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Board of Selectmen:

There have been 194 jobs inspected, and with the exception of 17 were passed on first inspection. These 17 were passed after alterations to conform with rules of National Code of Underwriters.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. WILBUR,
Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the report of the Weights and Measures Department for the year 1923. The department this year has made a very creditable showing, almost doubling the amount of work accomplished in 1922, and doubling the receipts of that year. The Town scales located at the town barn were found to be in an unsafe condition and were grossly inaccurate, hence were condemned. It would be a useless expenditure to attempt to repair this antiquated scale as it is much too small to accommodate any auto trucks. I would respectfully recommend that the Town purchase a 20-ton Auto Truck Scale, similar to those in use by over 85 per cent of the cities and towns for public weighing scales. I would also recommend that these scales be erected at 13 Forest St., and that the beam be housed from the weather.

The State standards are in excellent condition, as is the working equipment. A new standard yard measure has been asked for by the State Department to take the place of the one now in the cabinet (condemned). There have been several court cases for short measure and short weight. Warnings have been given to several not complying with the law.

The growing need of a man to give his entire time for the service of the people is more apparent this year than ever before. Both dealer and purchaser need to have a square deal.

Work performed this year as follows:

There were 1310 pieces sealed; 42 pieces condemned; 7 pieces adjusted; 5 pieces non-sealed.

There were 194 reweighings; 183 found correct; 2 underweight and 9 overweight.

There were 846 reinspections all proving O. K.

Seven peddlers' licenses were inspected and found to be in form.

Eight peddlers' scales were inspected and found sealed.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS C. LITTLEJOHN,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The total amount spent in this department this year was for labor only, as the Warden receives no salary.

Many dangerous and dead trees have been removed and a large number of dead limbs taken down to avoid danger to pedestrians.

A great deal of trimming has also been done to assist in preventing interruption to the lighting service and to increase the effectiveness of the street lights. There have been many complaints of dark and damp houses and of the injury to roofs caused by overhanging limbs. These have been eliminated so far as possible.

There are many streets on which a portion of the trees should be removed in order that those remaining may have a better chance to develop. This would improve the appearance of the streets and would not reduce the amount of shade.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. GOODALE,
Tree Warden.

FOREST WARDEN REPORT

A total of 48 grass and forest fires has been reported this year. Of these, 29 were set by railroad locomotives and 15 by carelessness of individuals.

All the fires this year have been small, due to the watchful eye of Mr. Matthews, the observer in the fire tower, and the faithfulness of the Deputy Wardens.

Another thing which tends to reduce the size of the forest fires is the equipping of one of the fire trucks with hand extinguishers, chemicals, brooms, shovels, etc. This truck answers all forest fire calls and when the deputies arrive at the fire they have sufficient equipment to use, which has proven of great value this year. The equipping of this truck has obviated the necessity of furnishing further equipment for the Deputy Wardens.

Respectfully submitted

H. J. GOODALE,
Forest Warden.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen :

I herewith submit my annual report as Health Officer for the year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

In February, 1922 the Health Officer began a movement to have the pupils in the public schools Schick tested and immunized for diphtheria. A representative of the Department of Public Health, Boston, came to Middleboro and demonstrated the Schick test on a number of pupils, to the parents of the children attending the Forest St. school, and the physician of Middleboro. At that time no Schick testing had been done in adjoining cities and towns, and parents who attended the demonstration thought the test was in the experimental stage and were loath to give their consent for the immunizing, therefore the movement was abandoned until it had been tried out in other places. Since the date mentioned, the cities of Boston, Brockton, and New Bedford have Schick tested and immunized all the pupils in the public schools, and no sickness was reported by parents from the tests. Owing to the many cases of Diphtheria in Middleboro this winter the school physician and the Health Officer have planned to have another demonstration of the Schick test, and hope the parents of Middleboro will co-operate by giving their consent to the test.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Prior to nineteen hundred and twenty-two there was so much trouble from unreported cases of contagious diseases that the writer decided to incorporate some plan to

eliminate the unreported cases among school children, and in accordance with this plan the Health Officer requested the School Committee to appoint him Attendance Officer for the public schools. Upon receiving the appointment the Health Officer attended a teachers' meeting and requested the teachers to notify him when a pupil had been absent for more than two days. Upon receiving the notice the Health Officer visits the home of the absent pupil to ascertain the cause of his absence. If the pupil is sick and a physician is attending the case, the Health Officer reports to the teacher the cause of the pupil's absence. If the pupil is sick and a physician has not been called, if the Health Officer suspects the pupil has a contagious disease, he requests the parents to call a physician. By this method all cases of contagious diseases contracted by children attending school are discovered and reported.

Jan. 1, 1923 there were five Middleboro patients in the Sanatoriums for tuberculosis. Two more were admitted during the year. Of this number two died, two were discharged as improved cases, and three are in Sanatoriums. Two children of school age have been reported as positive of tuberculosis, and three who are suspected of having the disease are under the supervision of the Health Department.

Following is a summary of contagious diseases as recorded by the Health Department:

	Anterior Poliomyelitis	Chicken Pox	Diphtheria	Opthamia Neonatorum	Pneumonia-Lobar	Malaria	Measles	Mumps	Scarlet Fever	Septic Sore Throat	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Typhoid Fever	Whooping Cough
January	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	14	13	0	1	0	1
February	7	4	0	0	0	0	61	19	6	0	0	0	2
March	0	11	0	0	0	0	104	15	3	0	1	0	3
April	0	90	9	1	0	2	55	4	5	0	0	0	4
May	0	50	0	0	1	1	26	26	10	0	0	0	33
June	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	11	1	1	2	0	4
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	9
August	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
October	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	14	0	0	0	7
November	0	19	9	0	0	0	5	21	7	0	0	0	0
December	0	16	7	0	4	0	9	39	5	0	1	0	5
Total	7	199	28	2	5	4	264	155	70	1	5	3	73

There were no cases of the following diseases reported during the twelve months ending December 31, 1923: Dysentery, epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis, suppurative conjunctivitis, trachoma, influenza, rabies, small pox, tetanus, venereal, encethalitis lethargica.

NUISANCES

Garbage. 70 per cent of all complaints to the Health Department on nuisances is for failure to collect the garbage. Investigation by the Health Officer revealed that the collector failed to make his collections regularly, and that houses were skipped while collecting.

Rubbish. Complaints of the failure to collect rubbish when investigated by the Health Officer revealed that residents failed to put their rubbish out until they saw the collector passing, then put the rubbish out hoping the collector would pass by later.

The following is a summary of complaints on nuisances as recorded by the Health Department:

Garbage	84
Rubbish	9
Dead cats	11
Dead Dogs	5
Privies	8
Cesspools	17
Hen houses	3
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Total	137

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WHEELER.
Health Officer.

MIDDLEBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT OF THE CHIEF

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present herewith for your consideration, the third report of the Chief of the Middleboro Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1923, in accordance with Section 21 of Chapter 592, Acts of 1920.

APPARATUS

The apparatus of the department consists of the following:

- 1 Maxim 500 Gallon Pumping Engine.
- 1 Knox Combination Chemical and Hose Car.
- 1 Maxim City Service Ladder Truck.
- 1 Maxim Hose Car.

All are well supplied with ladders, hand extinguishers and the most necessary appliances.

REMARKS

The apparatus as a whole is in good operating condition. No extensive repairs have been necessary, except on the Knox Combination. This piece collided with a truck while returning from a fire and was damaged to the extent of \$578.74.

It becomes necessary to match paint and varnish some of the pieces, and varnish the ladders that were not done last year. This is in the interest of economy because this is the only method of preserving and lengthening the life of same.

From a safety standpoint, it may be advisable to put

new front tires on the Knox car, as the present tires have been in service five years and begin to show signs of deterioration, and I feel that it is unwise to take too long chances with apparatus in the class of service it is called upon to perform.

STATION

The deplorable, unsafe, and unsanitary condition of the Central Station is too well known to again need calling to your attention. The outside has been painted by the permanent men. The front of the building sagged to the extent that, in order to close the doors, the front wall of the building was raised and new sills and posts were put in.

Additional supports have been placed under the floor in an endeavor to make it safe to hold the apparatus. Should no action resulting in the building of a new Station be taken this year, the present floor, which is to a large degree still unsafe, should be replaced by a concrete floor. We still have visions of a new Fire Station, therefore continue the policy of not expending the money that would be required to put this building in the condition as required for the apparatus and men compelled to live there practically the twenty-four hours each day.

HOSE

The amount of good hose on hand is adequate for present needs, but bearing in mind that some now in use is quite old, and under severe service might become useless, would recommend that 500 feet of new hose be purchased and have for that purpose made provision in the budget for such.

Seven hundred feet of new hose was purchased in 1923, and the unexpended balance of the 1923 appropriation for that purpose, namely \$291.44, was returned to the Treasury.

ORGANIZATION

The personnel of the Department remains the same as for several years except the additional permanent man added in March of last year. It now consists of the following:

One Call Chief

One Call Deputy Chief, and two Assistant Call Deputy Chiefs.

One Permanent Captain, and three Call Captains.

Four Permanent Drivers.

Forty-six Call Men and nine Substitute Members.

Four Fire Police.

A total of 67 members.

VALUE, LOSSES, INSURANCE AND INSURANCE PAID

Assessed Value, Buildings where fires occurred	\$57,200.00
Insurance on buildings	654,400.00
Loss on buildings	28,853.63
Insurance Paid	25,453.63
Loss not covered by insurance	3,400.00
Contents Value	58,039.30
Insurance on Contents	12,500.00
Damage Contents	14,155.35
Insurance Paid	11,696.05
Loss not covered by insurance	2,459.30
Total fire loss 1923	\$43,008.98
Total insurance paid	37,149.68
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Total loss not covered by insurance	\$5,859.30

ALARMS

Box	23
Still	69
Squad Call	42
Forest Warden Call	33

Out of Town Calls	5
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	172

For the following:

Buildings	29
Chimneys	69
Brush	18
Oil Stoves	1
Automobiles	5
Automatic	1
Rubbish	6
R. R. Bridge	1
Cotton (So. Main St.)	8
Sawdust (Cambridge St.)	1

HOURS OF FIRES AND ALARMS

Time	Box	Squad	Still	Total
A.M.				
12- 1	1			1
2- 2	1	1		2
2- 3	1			1
3- 4		1		1
4- 5				0
5- 6	1	1		2
6- 7			2	2
7- 8		1	6	7
8- 9		5	8	13
9-10	1	1	7	9
10-11	2	2	10	14
11-12		1	4	5
P.M.				
12- 1		5	4	9
1- 2	2	5	2	9
2- 3	2	5	7	14
3- 4	4	1	4	9
4- 5	3	4	1	8
5- 6		4	6	10

6- 7		3	8
7- 8		2	2
8-9	1	1	2
9-10	4	2	5
10-11			
11-12			

Out of Town

A.M.

12- 1 1

9-10 1

10-11 1

P.M.

6- 7 1

7- 8 1

A systematic inspection of cellars and other fire hazards of the mercantile section of the Town, and chimneys of the outside Districts, has been made and records of the conditions found noted. Where called for, attention to dangerous conditions found, has been brought to the owner's or occupant's notice, and orders issued to remedy same. I heartily ask the co-operation of all in this work, as it is of great benefit to all concerned.

The following permits have been issued:

Blasting	3
To Maintain Garages	5
To Construct Garages	17
To Keep and Store Inflammable Liquids	19

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. MAXIM,

Chief

Middleboro Fire Department.

REPORT OF THE GAS AND ELECTRIC PLANT

Mr. H. J. Goodale, Town Manager,
Town of Middleboro,

Dear Sir:

Once more I have the honor to present herewith for your consideration the annual report of the Gas & Electric Department of the Town of Middleboro for the year ending December 31, 1923, this being the thirtieth report of the plant under municipal ownership.

In considering the growth of the plant, the past year has been no different from any of the recent years, as a study of the increased sales over 1922 will readily show, but in doing so one should bear in mind that the price paid for gas in 1923 was less than that paid in 1922. But notwithstanding this fact the gas sales were \$157.33 more than in 1922. The increase of \$10,777.84 in light and power sales is more than twice the amount the sales increased in 1921 over 1920.

It may be interesting to know how much the plant has really grown under municipal ownership. By periods of 10 years, except the first period which was nine years, the income from consumers was as follows: 1894 (first year of ownership by the town) the income was \$7,065.75; 1903, \$10,876.76; 1913, \$28,148.93; 1923, \$104,257.57; which is nearly 15 times the first year's income while the operating expense has during this same 29 years increased slightly over six times.

The income from the sale of gas and electricity for the year was \$28,741.31 greater than the operating expense. At present the greatest handicap in trying to induce the larger industries to operate their plants by electric motors

is the inability to guarantee continuity of service. The interruptions during the past year, while the service has been somewhat improved since Plymouth made some changes in August, have proved beyond question the necessity of some other line to the electric station if it is expected to furnish current to manufacturers to operate their plants. With a total outage of 60 hours during the year, and even under the improved conditions at Plymouth, from August 19 to October 15, less than two months, the outages totalled more than 9 hours and 6 of this during shop working hours. Surely when the town invites the patronage of the manufacturers or offers to provide power it places itself under a moral obligation at least, to provide service at all times. Nearly fifty interruptions in the present high tension line, outside of the momentary ones, has shown the need of another source of supply. In my opinion the cheapest, most feasible and in the end most satisfactory way to remedy the present deficiency is to construct a line to connect direct to New Bedford's line at Freetown. The time is past when the present station can be expected to take care of the load during these interruptions in high tension service from the fact that at the time of year when it is producing its maximum it is only able to furnish less than 25 per cent of the demand. In connection with this may I say that out of a possible 8,760 hours in the year the 33 inch turbine ran 5,159 hours and the 36 inch ran 3,200 hours and, with the contemplated plan to shut off the flow of water from the lakes to Nemasket River even the ability to help out that 25 per cent is eliminated and thus still further emphasizes the necessity of another line. The time has now arrived when it is absolutely necessary to provide separate circuits to feed the outside district lines as a gradual but continual connecting of new customers in the near centre has reached the point of fully loading the present feeders.

It is also advisable to construct from the station to Cambridge Street a line to be used solely for power service, thereby relieving the present so-called power line of some

of its load in order to provide better service for the remaining power customers and lighting lines now being taken from it.

All of the large extensions in town which could be considered profitable from a business viewpoint have been completed. Requests have been made for some fifteen other extensions in various outlying sections of the town. However desirable it might be to grant these requests, the existing conditions demand that first consideration should be given to these lines which are now loaded to capacity.

During the year 93,000 feet of wire have been strung on highways and 45,000 for house connections, making now 239 9-10 miles of wire in use on over 70 miles of pole line.

298 electric and 143 gas meters were set during the year.

Approximately 6,000 feet of 4-inch gas main was laid on the following streets varying from 150 to 1200 feet on a street. Centre Street, West Street, Vine Street, West Grove Street, East Main Street, Everett Street, Coombs Street, Sproat Street, Warren Avenue, and 400 feet of 6-inch on North Main Street, now making 11 6-10 miles of mains in use 8 4-10 of which have been laid since 1912. To practically complete piping the town will require 18,000 feet of pipe, 7,000 feet of which will be on the West Side, 3,000 feet on Barden Hill, 5,500 feet in Star Mill section, and balance on North from Oak and South Main Street to Lakeville line. At present on South Main Street from Webster to Courtland it is a 3-inch and from Courtland to Grove Street is a 2-inch cast iron main and should the time come to re-surface South Main Street by laying a new 6-inch main at that time would give the much needed improved service to that section of the town. Nothing more can be said in relation to the inadequate street lighting than was covered in last year's report. The conditions remain the same, the demand for more and better street lights are just as great and insistant. The only amount the town has been called upon to pay toward the support of the plant, the retire-

ment of the bonds, the interest and the new construction has been \$3,000.00 which was in payment for the street lights. Should the town be obliged to purchase its street lights from a private concern it would mean they would pay \$8,000.00.

Under these circumstances the town can well afford to pay for the fifty additional lights needed in the residential section of the town for the safety of the public and for which the citizens would derive so great a benefit. Based on last year's appropriation the amount appropriated per capita for street lighting was 35 cents. The cost to the town per year for these fifty lights would be less than \$300.00. The cost of installing these, if previous practice is continued, would be paid for by the plant.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PHILBROOK.

Financial Reports

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Personal Property		\$1,487,320.00
Value of Buildings		4,397,130.00
Value of Land		2,004,205.00
Total Valuation		\$7,888,655.00
Total Departmental Appropriations	\$300,446.81	
Less Departmental Receipts	79,141.33	
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Net appropriations	\$221,305.48	
State Tax	15,600.00	
State Highway Tax	5,929.79	
County Tax	13,373.12	
Auditing Municipal Account		
Tax	1,265.32	
Municipal Light Plant	21.35	
Overlay	2,787.74	
Civilian War Poll Taxes	8,514.00	\$268,796.80
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RECEIPTS.

Civilian War Poll Tax, 2,838		
@ \$2.00	\$5,676.00	
Civilian War Poll Tax, 2,838		
@ \$3.00	8,514.00	
Income Tax, General Purposes	8,282.99	
Income Tax, Fire District	261.99	
Bank and Corporation Tax	9,402.17	\$32,137.15
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Balance to be assessed on Personal and Real Estate		\$236,659.65

TAX RATE

\$30.00 on \$1,000.00

COMMITTED TO TAX COLLECTOR.

Assessed on 2,838 polls at \$2.00

Town Assessment \$5,676.00

Assessed on 2,838 polls at \$3.00

State Assessment 8,514.00

Assessed on Personal Property 44,619.60

Assessed on Real Estate 192,040.05

Assessed on Moth 901.86

Total Assessments \$251,751.51

Persons, firms, etc., assessed on property

Residents 2,593

Non-Residents 349

Persons assessed for poll tax only 1,429

Number of horses assessed 395

Number of cows assessed 858

Number of sheep assessed 5

Number of swine assessed 85

Number of neat cattle other than cows 132

Number of fowl assessed 16,070

Number of dwelling houses assessed 1,939

Number of acres of land assessed 40,485

Taxes remitted in 1923 have been as follows:

Account 1920 assessment \$13.79

Account 1921 assessment 651.64

Account 1922 assessment 780.93

Account 1923 assessment 1,599.88

\$3,046.24

BENJAMIN C. SHAW

JAMES F. GARDNER

ERNEST S. PRATT

Assessors of Middleborough.

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

Notes and Bonds of the Town of Middleborough outstanding as of December 31, 1923:

School House Loan; 4 per cent.

Three (3) notes of \$1,650.00 each to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Nov. 1, 1924 to Nov. 1, 1926, inclusive	\$4,950.00
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Municipal Light Loan; 4 per cent.

Four (4) notes of \$5,000.00 each to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due Nov. 1, 1924 to Nov. 1, 1927, inclusive	20,000.00
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Plymouth County Hospital Loan;

One (1) note to T. S. Pierce Trustees, due Dec. 15, 1924	\$2,000.00	
One (1) note to the Montgomery Home due Dec. 15, 1925	1,000.00	
One (1) note to Middleborough Savings Bank due Dec. 15, 1925	1,000.00	
One (1) note to Middleborough Savings Bank due Dec. 15, 1926	2,000.00	
Two (2) notes of \$2,000.00 each to Montgomery Home, due Dec. 15, 1927 and Dec. 15, 1928	4,000.00	
One (1) note to Middleborough Savings Bank due Dec. 15, 1929	2,000.00	12,000.00

Departmental Equipment Water Loan, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent:

Two (2) notes of \$1,500 each to T. S. Pierce Trustees, due Dec. 15, 1924 to Dec. 15, 1925, inclusive	\$3,000.00	
One (1) note to T. S. Pierce Trustees, due Dec. 15, 1926	1,000.00	4,000.00

Middleborough Water Department Loan, 4 per cent:

Seventeen (17) notes of \$1,000 each to Middleborough Savings Bank, due Jan. 1, 1924 to Jan. 1, 1940, inclusive	17,000.00
Twenty-two (22) notes of \$1,000, each to	

Middleborough Savings Bank due June 1,
1924 to June 1, 1945, inclusive

22,000.00

39,000.00

Temporary Loans:

Notes due Nov. 15, 1924, 4¼ per cent to
F. S. Moseley Co.

50,000.00

\$129,950.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. BRACKETT,
Treasurer

Town of Middleborough.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

December 31, 1923

Cash on hand January 1, 1924		\$16,933.61
Received for accounts as follows:		
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$1,975.00	
Interest for care of lots	1,308.25	
	<hr/>	3,283.25
Collector of Taxes:—		
Account 1920 Assessments	\$445.94	
Account 1921 Assessments	14,428.62	
Account 1922 Assessments	31,749.42	
Account 1923 Assessments	201,008.51	247,632.49
Account Collector's Costs		
Moth Assessments 1920	5.63	
Moth Assessments 1921	129.76	
Moth Assessments 1922	314.19	
Moth Assessments 1923	685.14	
	<hr/>	1,134.72
Corporation and Bank Tax		12,230.76
Estimated Receipts:		
Board of Health	\$1,253.19	
State Treasurer:		
Sewer Permits (10)	250.00	
Highway	814.99	
Town of Maynard	31.40	
City of Taunton	57.20	
Anna Sherlock	218.14	
All Receipts	113.00	
	<hr/>	2,737.92

Moth Department		591.35
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Middleborough Public Library:

Fines	\$395.19	
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Enoch Pratt Fund	525.00	
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	<hr/>	920.19
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School Department:

Town of Plympton	\$610.00	
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State Treasurer	265.08	
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Town of Lakeville	1,875.00	
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Town of Plympton	1,035.00	
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Town of Rochester	437.50	
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State Treasurer	541.68	
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Town of Plympton	750.00	
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Town of Lakeville	1,125.00	
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City of Boston	144.42	
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Sundry Receipts	66.65	
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Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Louis C. Littlejohn		105.00
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Herring Account:

Besse—Rights to Fish	\$150.00	
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Towns down River	130.00	
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Miscellaneous Receipts:

Sale of Town Histories	\$6.00	
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Rebate on Insurance	4.29	
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Street List	.50	
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Sale of Fire Station	1,500.00	
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Sale of Assessors' Automobile	150.00	
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State Forestry	23.06	
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F. B. Washburn Co. damage to		
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Fire Truck	573.79	
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City of Attleboro, Soldiers' Aid	18.00	
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	<hr/>	2,275.64
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Interest:

On Bank Balances	\$457.96	
On Tax Collections	3,343.51	
	<hr/>	3,801.47

Licenses:

County of Plymouth,		
Dog Licenses	\$1,694.95	
J. H. Wheeler, Health	48.50	
All Others	537.00	
	<hr/>	2,280.45

Overseers of Poor:

C. E. Rogers, Farm Account	\$2,686.26	
State Treasurer	3,407.75	
All Others	2,697.83	
	<hr/>	8,791.84

Town Hall:

From School Department	\$500.00	
E. Kimball Harrison	760.00	
	<hr/>	1,260.00

Water Department, H. J. Goodale 34,281.79

Fourth District Court:

Clerk of Court	635.00
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Income Tax:

State Treasurer, School Fund	\$9,360.00	
State Treasurer, General Fund	7,931.99	
State Treasurer, Fire District	261.99	
State Treasurer, 1921, 1922, 1923	1,561.00	
	<hr/>	19,114.98

Loans:

Temporary Loans Issued	235.000.00
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Military Aid:

State Treasurer	201.00
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Middleborough Gas & Electric Plant:

George A. Philbrook, Manager	102,885.32
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Soldiers' Burial:

State Treasurer	60.00
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Soldiers' Exemption:

State Treasurer	341.43
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State Aid:

State Treasurer	2,286.00
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Forest Fires:

From Town of Lakeville	\$283.50	
From N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.	571.16	
Other Receipts	3.98	
	<hr/>	858.64

Fourth District Court:

Clerk of Courts	\$505.00	
Incidentals	60.48	
Fire District, M. L. H. Peirce	168.90	
Est. of T. S. Peirce Library	179.94	
Assessors' Registration	5.00	
Est. of T. S. Peirce, High School Course	3,700.00	
	<hr/>	4,619.32
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		\$711,423.60

Transfers from Reserve Fund:

Town Clerk	\$100.97
Highway	2,822.26
Poor Dept.	698.26
School Dept.	1,046.98
Sealer Weights and Measures	128.12
Town Reports and Inc.	186.18
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	\$4,982.77

Payments for the year as follows:

Band Concerts:

Orders	\$150.00
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Board of Health:

Orders	
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Civilian War Poll Taxes:

Orders	7,476.00
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County Tax:		
County Treasurer		13,373.12
Fire Department:		
Orders		18,157.24
Forest Fires:		
Orders		454.82
Post No. 8, G. A. R.:		
Orders		300.00
Herring:		
Orders		464.34
Highway:		
Orders		39,504.86
Incidentals:		
Orders		1,086.18
Interest:		
Temporary Loans	4,670.83	
Permanent Loans	3,095.25	
	<hr/>	7,766.08
Middleborough Trust Company:		
Cemetery Trust Funds Deposited	\$1,975.00	
Payments Account of Lots	1,302.25	
	<hr/>	3,277.25
Middleborough District Nurse:		
Orders		500.00
Middleborough Public Library:		
Orders		4,750.31
Military Aid:		
Orders		192.00
Moth Account:		
Orders		4,276.35
Middleborough Gas and Electric Plant:		
Orders Construction	\$32,083.98	
Orders Maintenance	67,824.94	
Bonds Paid	4,000.00	
Interest Paid	480.00	
	<hr/>	104,388.92

Loans Paid:

Plymouth County Hospital Loan	\$2,000.00	
Fire Department Loan	2,500.00	
School House Loan	1,650.00	
Water Loan	2,000.00	
Water Loan Pump	1,500.00	
Temporary Loans	245,000.00	
	<hr/>	254,650.00

New High School Building:

Bill, Ed. I. Wilson	4,221.00
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Overseers of Poor:

Orders	21,998.26
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Tax Abatements:

Orders	16.44
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Plymouth County Farm Bureau:

Orders	200.00
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Pension for Retired Employee:

Orders	281.32
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Police Department:

Orders	9,739.65
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St. Luke's Hospital:

Orders:	500.00
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School Department:

Orders	106,368.12
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Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Orders	853.12
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State Auditor:

Orders	1,265.32
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Soldiers Burial:

Orders:	60.00
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Soldiers' Relief

Orders	2,383.38
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State Aid:

Orders	2,144.00
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State Treasurer:

Special State Tax	21.35
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State Treasurer:	
State Highway Tax	5,929.79
State Treasurer:	
State Tax	15,600.00
Town Hall Account:	
Orders	4,063.45
Town Officers:	
Orders	3,041.28
Assessors:	
Orders	4,053.81
Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector:	
Orders	3,300.97
Town Manager:	
Orders	6,032.43
Tree Warden:	
Orders	723.10
Trustees T. S. Peirce Estate:	
Library Account	456.23
Water Department:	
Orders	29,993.67
Cash on Hand December 31, 1923	20,565.94
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	\$711,423.60

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. BRACKETT,
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the year ending December 31, 1923

Account 1920 Assessments:

Town	\$445.94	
Moths	5.63	
	<hr/>	\$451.57

Account 1921 Assessments:

Town	\$14,428.62	
Moths	129.76	
	<hr/>	14,558.38

Account 1922 Assessments:

Town	\$31,749.42	
Moths	314.19	
	<hr/>	32,063.61

Account 1923 Assessments:

Town	\$201,008.51	
Moths	685.14	
	<hr/>	201,693.65

Account Tax Collectors Costs

31.10

Interest:

On Tax Collections	\$3,343.51	
On Bank Balances	457.96	
	<hr/>	3,801.47

Total amount paid to Town Treasurer
during the year

\$252,599.78

Abatements for the year have been as follows:

Account 1920 Assessments	13.79	
Account 1921 Assessments	681.72	
Account 1922 Assessments	835.73	
Account 1923 Assessments	1,538.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,069.24

Taxes due as follows:

Account 1920 Assessments	\$87.35	
Account 1921 Assessments	1,550.09	
Account 1922 Assessments	8,144.13	
Account 1923 Assessments	47,831.71	
	<hr/>	57,613.28

Respectfully submitted, .

WILLIAM W. BRACKETT,
Collector.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Lot Endowed	Fund	Balance
Central and So. Middleboro Ceme- teries:		
M. H. Cushing	\$400.00	\$481.24
Central and Nemasket Hill Ceme- teries:		
Joseph and Nathaniel Leonard	400.00	525.45
North Middleboro and Central Cemeteries:		
Everett Robinson	300.00	522.06
Rock and Ewer Cemeteries:		
Tinkham and Gibbs	150.00	172.88
Nemasket Hill and Rock Ceme- teries:		
Vaughan and Thomas	50.00	50.45
Central Cemetery:		
Harding C. Angus	100.00	105.58
Sylvanus Barrows	135.00	150.01
Sarah E. Bartlett	100.00	113.22
T. H. and H. A. Besse	100.00	113.74
A. J. Bisbee	100.00	110.84
S. S. Bourne	100.00	112.08
Rufus J. Brett	100.00	106.06
F. O. Burgess	61.27	64.57
Joseph W. Cobb	100.00	112.34
Charles A. Cole	20.00	20.90
Robert V. Cole	82.14	89.66
Richard Cox	25.00	26.14
Edward H. Cromwell	100.00	105.58
William E. Crosby	100.00	108.80
Josiah C. Cushing	200.00	214.84

Lydia B. Cushing	50.00	52.32
William L. Dean	100.00	106.69
Edwin B. Dorrance	150.00	174.57
James Dowsing	51.61	53.99
Mary E. Drake	100.00	114.98
Hannah S. Drew	100.00	115.13
Andrew W. Eaton	100.00	110.45
Ziba Eaton	100.00	111.83
George C. Fairbanks	100.00	108.16
Egger and Southwick	100.00	114.04
David H. Farrar	100.00	108.72
N. N. Fenno	100.00	113.11
Albert F. Finney	100.00	105.50
William J. Francis	60.00	64.05
S. B. Gibbs	100.00	110.97
Gilmore lot	100.00	110.68
William M. Haskins	100.00	119.45
George H. Hermann	100.00	106.53
Henry M. Hodges	100.00	113.96
P. B. Holmes	100.00	122.65
Jacob Johnson	75.00	78.46
B. F. Jones	100.00	111.67
Sarah P. Jones	100.00	110.52
Annie M. Keedwell	100.00	107.19
George H. Keene	100.00	107.19
Henry C. Keith	100.00	111.83
Clara S. Kelley	100.00	112.97
Eliza H. Kelley	100.00	114.53
William A. King	100.00	110.14
Calvin D. Kingman	100.00	107.99
John B. Knowland	100.00	112.48
Robert W. Lashures	100.00	111.39
Otis Leach	100.00	111.14
Mrs. Lehman	60.00	62.79
James Allen Leonard	150.00	159.96
Lewis Lincoln	200.00	245.79
James Livingston	100.00	108.95

Galen E. H. Lovell	100.00	105.63
Thomas J. Lovell	100.00	108.52
Mary A. MacDaniel	100.00	105.50
Benj. S. MacLaughlin	100.00	100.00
Arthur C. MacMann	75.00	75.00
John N. Main	100.00	108.02
J. P. McCully	100.00	104.85
John R. Merrick	50.00	52.65
Clara L. Metcalf	100.00	108.30
Alden Miller	100.00	110.38
Albert F. Mitchell	100.00	104.12
Simeon L. Nickerson	100.00	105.63
Susan R. Norveille	100.00	108.95
S. P. Osborne	100.00	114.69
Willard Osborne	100.00	108.30
A. Judson Partridge	100.00	108.45
Alvin Pease	100.00	109.46
Joseph L. Pease	100.00	109.08
Job Peirce	100.00	105.63
Arad Perkins	100.00	104.50
David D. Perkins	75.00	79.33
Josephine Perkins	200.00	231.36
Esther A. Phinney	125.00	147.35
Andrew J. Pickens	100.00	108.59
Ebenezer Pickens	100.00	107.48
Lizzie P. Pierce	100.00	111.05
T. W. Pierce	100.00	111.84
C. Allan Porter	100.00	113.87
John B. Ramsdell	50.00	51.53
Alfred Randall	100.00	119.50
Aaron Raymond	100.00	113.56
Lucy A. Raymond	100.00	108.67
Mary A. Raymond	100.00	114.06
George W. Rich	100.00	109.33
John D. Rockwell	50.00	52.79
Amanda S. Rossiter	100.00	105.50
Albert A. Savery	50.00	52.26

Louise Seymour	100.00	100.00
Jairus H. Shaw	50.00	52.34
Joshua Sherman	100.00	101.13
Ephraim Simmons	150.00	165.87
George F. Sisson	50.00	52.26
George Soule	100.00	104.50
Hartley A. Sparrow	45.00	47.02
Jacob G. Sparrow	100.00	111.21
Louisa Spooner	100.00	113.21
Edwin F. H. Stevens	100.00	110.02
Isaiah S. Swift	100.00	107.78
William Swift	100.00	106.37
Reuben Taylor	100.00	113.35
Charles M. Thatcher	100.00	107.19
Eliphalet Thomas	50.00	52.35
Lydia N. Thomas	100.00	113.26
Allerton Thompson	100.00	114.06
Jason F. Thurston	50.00	52.26
Charles A. Tinkham	100.00	107.19
W. J. Tinkham	100.00	102.62
B. F. Tripp	100.00	111.05
John Walley	50.00	52.26
Ward lot	100.00	112.80
Azel Washburn	100.00	124.59
William Washburn	50.00	52.34
Flora A. Weston	50.00	52.32
Chauncy D. White	100.00	114.61
Sarah D. White	500.00	723.49
Henrietta Wilmot	100.00	104.62

Nemasket Hill Cemetery:

Frances H. Aller	100.00	104.50
Frances C. Belcher	200.00	215.34
Boomer lot	100.00	104.12
Edward Bryant	100.00	105.63
Elijah Burgess	100.00	104.69
Catherine P. Chace	100.00	117.01
Cordelia Crocker	50.00	53.28

J. M. Eddy	100.00	140.04
Austin Ford	50.00	52.72
William Whittemore Goss	100.00	116.07
Charles E. W. Grinnell	100.00	112.71
George A. Harlow	100.00	102.62
Conrad J. Hermann	100.00	109.30
Alvin C. Howes	100.00	110.81
James & Drake	100.00	164.37
Joseph B. Kettle	100.00	106.19
Charles E. Leonard	200.00	224.01
Samuel S. Lovell et al	150.00	150.00
Carlton W. Maxim	100.00	102.62
Deborah A. Paun	100.00	108.36
Henry F. Pope	100.00	135.30
S. Lewis Pratt	100.00	115.23
Arthur I. Randall	200.00	237.02
Sophronia L. Reed	50.00	56.47
Louis Ritter	75.00	84.78
J. Martin Robbins	50.00	52.91
Rhoda J. Savery	100.00	143.40
John Shaw	100.00	106.18
Wm. Shiverick	150.00	178.35
Charles Soule	100.00	139.70
Warren H. Southworth	50.00	84.82
Edmund Thompson	50.00	54.74
Oliver H. Thompson	100.00	137.54
Benjamin C. Tinkham	50.00	55.65
Edward F. Tinkham	200.00	240.82
Agnes Tribou	50.00	58.51
Nahum W. Tribou	75.00	81.63
Nathan H. Vaughn	100.00	106.18
Nancy Warner	100.00	105.63
Hannah C. Warren	50.00	52.64
Warren lot	50.00	54.96
C. P. Washburn	100.00	110.81
Philander Washburn	100.00	114.71
Waterman lot	100.00	104.78

Thomas Weston	150.00	204.80
B. P. Wood	100.00	140.54
Cornelius B. Wood	150.00	212.55
Ellen T. Wood	100.00	129.36
Julia M. Wood	100.00	121.89
Nelson and Albert Wood	100.00	118.83
Priscilla Wood	50.00	60.56
Thomas Wood	100.00	131.41
St. Mary's Cemetery :		
Honora Creedon	100.00	121.54
Timothy F. Creedon	100.00	101.13
Daniel Halisey	100.00	113.20
George Jeffers	500.00	683.01
Jeremiah Lynch	100.00	102.63
Eugene S. McCarthy	100.00	102.63
Edmund S. Russell	100.00	120.81
Thomas B. Sheehan	100.00	103.53
Hannah Sullivan	100.00	101.13
North Middleboro Cemetery :		
Earl Henry Cushman	100.00	112.53
Oliver Eaton	200.00	221.34
Richard Howes and David Alden	500.00	513.12
Sumner Keith	100.00	146.74
Jared Pratt	150.00	220.49
Waldron and Barrows	150.00	203.10
Thomastown Cemetery :		
Care of Cemetery	260.00	387.62
Atwood lot	100.00	263.13
Atwood lot	100.00	126.79
Asa and Clarinda Shaw	100.00	145.44
Eleazer Thomas	100.00	169.74
Josiah H. Thomas	100.00	112.41
Col. Stephen Thomas	50.00	56.48
Marcia E. Thurston	50.00	50.56
Cemetery at the Green :		
Ira Bryant	100.00	119.41
Atwood lot	100.00	110.31

Jennie M. Carpenter	100.00	101.13
Joseph Clark	100.00	118.51
Nelson Cobb	50.00	56.86
Julia H. Copeland	1,000.00	1,148.54
Orien E. Deane	100.00	113.27
Thomas Gammons	100.00	114.21
Branch Harlow	100.00	147.85
Stephen Harlow	100.00	113.71
Osamos Littlejohn	100.00	106.50
Seth Miller	300.00	337.47
Thompson Miller	50.00	52.27
James Gilbert Nichols	50.00	54.97
Augustus H. Soule	100.00	123.24
J. B. and I. H. Thompson	100.00	213.77
Lydia R. Thompson	100.00	147.12
Philander Thompson	50.00	52.82
Tuel Thompson	100.00	108.19
Julia M. Wood and Caroline Robbins	50.00	58.10
David Wood	100.00	123.68
South Middleboro Cemetery:		
Samuel N. Gammons	100.00	105.26
Ephraim A. Hunt	50.00	52.37
W. O. and S. T. LeBaron	50.00	52.50
Nathaniel F. Shurtleff	200.00	210.69
John E. Smith	50.00	52.26
John and Henry Thomas	50.00	52.50
John Tinkham	50.00	52.26
Rock Cemetery:		
C. N. Atwood	100.00	115.74
Deborah Carver	100.00	161.88
Harvey W. Carver	200.00	207.36
Maria F. Chace	100.00	119.56
Julia S. Cobb	100.00	116.02
Dr. Samuel Cobb	45.00	54.62
Sylvester F. Cobb	100.00	170.99
Charles F. Cushman	176.75	265.63

Jacob Cushman	50.00	51.65
Mary B. Keith	75.00	108.49
Seth Morton	100.00	104.96
Isaac Perkins	150.00	175.38
Phoebe Pierce	50.00	53.07
N. Horace Ryder	100.00	106.48
George W. Sherman	50.00	52.20
A. J. Smith	50.00	52.25
Israel Smith and		
Nathaniel F. Ryder	100.00	105.41
Ephraim H. Thomas	75.00	89.37
Thomas and Barrows	1,000.00	1,847.88
Winchester lot	100.00	103.96
Jane A. Wood	18.44	19.49
Purchade Cemetery		
Andrew L. Alden	50.00	68.47
David Alden	100.00	112.53
Lysander Richmond	100.00	165.36
Sachem St. Cemetery:		
Gammons lot	50.87	84.54
Thomas Smith	50.00	57.55
Almeda E. Thomas	50.00	75.56
Summer St. Cemetery:		
Jonathon T. Washburn	200.00	310.18
Fall Brook Cemetery:		
Joshua A. Bishop	100.00	120.62
Atwood and Thomas	200.00	238.29
Gilbert Pierce Cemetery	50.00	75.48
Marion Road Cemetery:		
Isaac Cushman	100.00	130.36
Wappanucket Cemetery:		
Benjamin Richmond	400.00	582.53

FINANCIAL REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

For the year ending December 31, 1924

Paid expense of Town Farm including salary of Superintendent and Matron	\$7,928.50
Overseers of Poor salary	387.50
Town Physician	200.00
Office Expense	53.65
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Total	\$8,569.65

TEMPORARY AID

Residence and settlement here 27 families, 94 persons	\$6,363.05
Residence elsewhere, settlement here 4 families, 20 persons	440.26
Residence here, settlement elsewhere 10 families, 37 persons	1,557.82
763—Mothers' Aid	
Residence and settlement here 5 families, 21 persons	\$3,241.36
Residence here, settlement elsewhere 3 families, 15 persons	1,242.39
Residence elsewhere, settlement here 1 family, 4 persons	583.73
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Total	\$21,998.26
Receipts from farm including produce sold and cash received for board	\$4,178.71
Reimbursements from towns and state	4,328.86
Due for board at Farm	324.00
Due from State and other towns	1,104.95
Paid maintenance of House and Farm, includ- ing salary of Superintendent	7,928.50

Cash received for farm products and board at Home	\$4,178.71	
Value of farm products used in house	720.00	
Value of farm products on hand	2,252.00	
Due for board Dec. 31	324.00	
Cash for support of Town charges at farm	1,092.00	
	<hr/>	8,566.71
Leaving a balance to credit of farm		\$638.21
Inmates at the Farm Jan. 1, 1923		11
Admitted during the year		13
Discharged during the year		11
Number died during the year		2
Number remaining Jan. 1, 1924		11

VALUATION

90 acres, farm and buildings	\$23,500.00
51 acres, 3 wood lots	1,000.00
Live stock	750.00
Hay and produce	1,250.00
Groceries, meat and provisions	200.00
Furniture	700.00
Machinery, tools and implements	875.00
Wagons, harnesses, etc.	300.00
Dressing, wood, coal and lumber	500.00
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	\$29,075.00

MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report of the Treasurer for 1923

SPECIAL FUNDS

Receipts:

Interest on Copeland Fund	\$163.50
Interest on Harriet C. Beals Fund	45.49
Interest on Harriott O. Peirce Fund	22.75

Total receipts	\$231.74
Balance on hand, January 1, 1923	343.14

\$574.88

Payments:

Post office box rent	\$6.00
Library Book House, supplies	23.07
Library Bureau, supplies	48.37
Johnson Brothers, curtains	45.00
Bay State Cleaning Co., cleaning	250.00
George E. Doane, supplies	14.24
C. L. Hathaway & Co., supplies	4.10
Namaskett Press, Inc., printing	16.05
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing	9.35
Safe Deposit box	5.00
Repairs	6.00
Sharpening lawn mower	1.50
Sundry small items	4.31
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	432.99

Balance on hand, January 1, 1924	\$141.89
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Paid by Town Treasurer:

Mary M. Eddy, librarian	\$412.50
E. Lucile Palmer, librarian	812.50

Florence A. Robinson, assistant		634.23
Louise B. Pratt, assistant		545.40
Mertie E. Witbeck, assistant		432.02
Marjory Mackillop, assistant		28.80
Ruth M. Jederman, assistant		2.55
Samuel Hathaway, janitor		600.00
Lighting		243.56
Fuel		559.77
Water		8.00
Telephone		22.76
Thomas & Weston, insurance		493.00
Bay State Cleaning Co., cleaning		229.94
John J. Pearson, repairs to heater		245.90
H. L. Thatcher & Co., bulletins		54.00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing		62.28
R. M. Bassett, repairs		23.86
Ash cans		31.57
Boiler inspection		2.00
Sundry small items		7.36
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		\$5,452.00
Received from Peirce Estate, cleaning	\$179.94	
Pay roll	521.75	
Received from fines	395.19	
	<hr/>	1,096.88
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Net amount paid by town		\$4,355.12

MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report of the Treasurer for 1923

PEIRCE FUND

Receipts:

Peirce Trustees	\$1,964.47
Books sold, etc.,	4.94
Interest on deposits	19.61
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	\$1,989.02
Balance January 1, 1923	723.53
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	\$2,712.55

Payments:

Charles E. Lauriat & Co., books	\$842.45
C. L. Hathaway & Co., books	77.66
J. J. Sullivan, newspapers	40.20
Mrs. R. E. Bisbee, magazines	
and periodicals	255.00
Library Book House, books	73.00
R. E. Bisbee, books	19.14
Baker & Taylor, books	85.45
Dood, Mead & Co., books	48.18
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books	36.21
Progressive Publishing Co., books	67.50
Brentano's books	10.32
American Legion, books	84.71
Books from other sources	33.77
H. W. Wilson & Co., Reader's	
Guide, etc.	30.25
Library of Congress, cards	25.00
Express	19.76
Emery Record Preserving Co.,	

binding	62.00	
L. A. Wells, re-binding	46.67	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., bulletins	54.00	
American Library Association	2.00	
Sundry small items	9.30	
	<hr/>	1,922.57
Balance, January 1, 1924		<hr/> \$789.98

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER L. BEALS,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES
UNDER THE WILL OF THOMAS S. PEIRCE

Middleborough, Mass., January 21, 1924

To the Selectmen of Middleborough, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following statement shows the condition of the funds held by us as Trustees under the will of Thomas S. Peirce, for the benefit of the Town of Middleborough, and the Middleborough Public Library at the close of business, December 31, 1923.

Balance sheet of funds held in trust for the Town of Middleborough:

	ASSETS	
Stocks	\$296,229.61	
Bonds and premi- ums on same	70,722.89	
Mortgage and prom- issory notes	101,726.00	
Real estate carried as personal	31,314.20	
Post office fixtures	4,080.00	
Cabinet at Library	240.00	
Steel Chest Peirce Build- ing	300.00	
Savings Banks	4,000.00	
Cash	11,397.30	
	—————	\$520,010.00
Real Estate		65,797.87
Profit and loss		6,412.05
		————— \$592,219.92

LIABILITIES

Trust fund received from		
Executor	\$472,506.03	
Passing directly under will	119,713.89	
	<hr/>	592,219.92

INCOME

Gross receipts for 1923	\$30,274.00	
Expenses		
Salary of Trustees	\$2,499.84	
Salary of bookkeeper	166.68	
Insurance	1,405.18	
Repairs	3,327.19	
Janitor Telephone and		
Peirce Building	900.00	
Fuel	1,982.82	
Water	248.23	
Light	363.42	
Sundries	69.10	
	<hr/>	10,962.46
Net income 1923	\$19,311.54	
On hand Jan. 1, 1923	22,025.85	
	<hr/>	41,337.39

PAID FOR USE AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN

Bertram L. Thomas, bal-		
ance due for building		
bridge over raceway,		
electric light station,		
Wareham St.	195.00	
George O. Souce 1-2 bill		
for inspection	\$453.09	
Town of Middleboro,		
1-2 bills contractor,		
approved by Dept.		
Public Works	3,982.68	
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Town of Middleborough, work done on approach to bridge, Middleborough side	910.69	
Town of Middleborough, rebuilding Wareham St., electric light station to top of Barden Hill	5,000.00	
Town of Middleborough, rebuilding Centre St. from Everett square towards Taunton	5,157.42	
Town of Middleborough, payment to the Dept. of Public Works as Middleborough's share of a new bridge at Woodward's Bridge	5,000.00	
High School:		
Teachers, Commercial Course	\$3,700.00	
Balance due to change typewriters	315.00	
	<hr/>	4,015.00
Public Library:		
W. F. Dean, repairs to screens	23.00	
Balance paid by town for cleaning library, over appropriation	179.94	
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Poor Farm:		
Painting poor house and shingling barn	776.15*	
Town of Middleborough, account weir to measure water Muttock dam	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$26,192.97
Balance income on hand Jan. 1, 1924		<hr/> \$15,144.42

* In addition to amount of \$776.15 paid for earnings, shingles to value of \$371.50 were taken from stock on hand

making total cost of repairs to town barn and poor house paid by trustees of \$1,147.65.

Balance sheet of funds held in trust for Middleborough Public Library.

ASSETS

Bonds	\$46,608.68	
Town of Middleboro, note	2,000.00	
Middleborough Savings Bank	1,621.44	
	<hr/>	\$50,230.12

LIABILITIES

Devised under will	\$50,000.00	
Profit and Loss	230.12	50,230.12

INCOME

Receipts for 1923	\$1,964.47
Paid, Treasurer Middleborough Public Library	1,964.47

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER E. WESTON
 GEORGE W. STETSON
 GEORGE R. SAMPSON

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE MARIA L. H. PIERCE FUND FOR INMATES OF THE TOWN FARM

To the Board of Selectmen:

The first report of the Trustee of the Maria L. H. Pierce Fund, for inmates of the Town Farm, is herewith presented:

The appointment of a Trustee to have charge of the fund and expend the income of the same, was made by the Selectmen April 1st, 1923. The following month some changes were made in the men's bathroom for their added comfort and convenience; their tobacco and pipes are now paid from this fund. The women have each received a small rocker for use in their rooms, or on the porch in the summer. Illustrated magazines have been sent, also a half dozen records for the Victrola. Ice cream and confectionary have been furnished at intervals during the year.

At Christmas an entertainment was given the inmates, followed by refreshments of cake and ice cream. Each member of the household received oranges and a pound box of soft candies. The will of Maria L. H. Pierce specified that this income should be used for "simple luxuries." It has been the aim to follow on those lines as closely as possible.

Principal	\$4,000.00	
Accrued interest		\$400.00
Expended 1923		113.66
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Balance of unexpended income		\$286.34

Respectfully submitted,

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER.

GAS AND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Amount of bills payable Dec. 31, 1923	\$2,846.31
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Which include December sales (Jan. 1st bills)

Gas	\$5,136.22	
Lighting	9,528.17	
Power	2,273.89	
Jobbing	194.63	
	<hr/>	\$17,132.91

SALES

	Jan. 1, 1924	Jan. 1, 1923
Gas	\$29,398.57	\$29,241.24
Lighting	54,937.85	50,445.37
Power	20,276.14	13,990.78
Jobbing	1,868.75	3,074.50
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	\$106,481.31	\$96,751.89

Increase in sales 1923 over 1922

Gas	\$157.33
Light and Power	10,777.84
Gas, Light and Power combined	10,935.17

CONSUMERS

	Jan. 1, 1924	Jan. 1, 1923
Gas	174	161
Electric	1,215	1,035
Gas and Electric	865	656
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	2,254	1,852

METERS INSTALLED

	Jan. 1, 1924.	Jan. 1, 1923.	Increase
Gas	1,007	904	103

Electric	2,264	1,969	295
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	3,271	2,873	398

STREET LIGHTS 1923

	Total No. nights run	Total No. hours run	Av. No. nights per mo.	Av. No. hours per night
All night service	365	3,980 h. 40 m.	30	10h. 54 m.
2.00 A. M. service	336	2,320 h. 7 m.	28	6 h. 52 m.
S. Middleboro, Rock and N. Middleboro service	365	2,220 h.	30	6 h. 6 m.

Total Output in K.W.H.

K. W. made	178,030
K. W. purchased	1,292,512
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Total	1,470,542
Total K. W. used for street lights	67,550

OPERATING EXPENSES—GAS

Production

Operation :

Wages at Gas Works	\$3,157.08
Boiler Fuel	1,689.12
Water	335.97
Generator Fuel	6,541.49
Water Gas Oil and Enrichers	3,962.22
Purification Supplies	166.37
Miscellaneous Works expense	8.33
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	\$15,860.58

Maintenance :

Maintenance of works and station structures	\$368.54
Maintenance of power plant equipment	7.10
Maintenance of water gas sets	568.19
Maintenance of Purification apparatus	76.50

Maintenance of holders	134.25	
Maintenance of other equip- ment at works	223.86	
	<hr/>	1,378.44
Transmission and Distribution		
Operation:		
Removing and Resetting Meters		161.67
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of street mains	\$65.53	
Maintenance of services	362.23	
Maintenance of consumers' meters	106.71	
Maintenance of tools and ap- pliances	188.65	
	<hr/>	723.12
General and Miscellaneous		
Salary of Manager	\$403.00	
Salaries of General Office Clerks, Meter Readers and Collectors	1,017.28	
General office supplies and expense	275.78	
Insurance	503.96	
Transportation expenses	194.36	
Depreciation	2,212.98	
	<hr/>	4,607.36
Total expenses		<hr/> \$22,731.17
Balance to profit and loss (profit		5,694.69
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Total debits		\$28,425.86

INCOME—GAS

From sale of gas	\$29,398.57	
Less discounts and rebates	972.71	
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Total credits		\$28,425.86

OPERATING EXPENSES—ELECTRIC

Hydro-Electric Generation.

Operation:		
Electric labor	\$4,579.00	

Lubricants	68.33	
Station supplies and expense	632.71	
	<hr/>	\$5,280.04

Maintenance:

Maintenance of reservoirs and forebays	\$6.81	
Maintenance of flumes and canals	3.00	
Maintenance of dams and intakes	65.31	
Maintenance of penstocks and tailraces	14.90	
Maintenance of water turbines and water wheels	291.10	
Maintenance of electric generating equipment	80.25	
Maintenance of accessory electric equipment	1,046.60	
Maintenance of station structures	212.88	
Maintenance of electric energy purchased	25,709.59	
	<hr/>	27,430.44

Transmission Distribution and Storage

Operation:

Operation of transmission and distribution lines	\$436.30	
Inspecting and testing meters	77.96	
Removing and resetting meters	342.71	
	<hr/>	856.97

Maintenance:

Maintenance of transmission and distributoin lines	\$4,105.94	
Maintenance of consumers' meters	31.65	
Maintenance of transformers	13.65	
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Utilization

Operation :

Municipal street lamps, supplies and expense	\$751.32
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General and Miscellaneous

Salary of manager	\$2,015.00
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Salaries of general office clerks, meter readers and collector	2,034.52
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General office supplies and expense	551.53
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Insurance	1,230.62
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Transportation expenses	1,749.35
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Depreciation	6,659.46
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Miscellaneous general ex- penses	74.60
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	14,315.08
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Total expenses	\$52,785.09
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Balance to profit and loss (profit)	23,046.62
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Total debits	\$75,831.71
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INCOME-ELECTRIC

From lighting	\$54,937.85
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Less Discounts and rebates	1,809.21
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	\$53,128.64
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From power	\$20,276.14
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Less discounts and rebates	573.07
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	19,703.07
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From street lighting	3,000.00
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Total credits	\$75,831.71
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BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Investments :

Land, gas	\$1,200.00
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Structures	3,096.04
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Boiler plant equipment	121.50
Miscellaneous power plant equipment	457.28
Water gas sets	4,512.50
Purification apparatus	834.40
Other equipment at works	9,012.50
Street mains	38,518.61
Gas services	8,243.23
Consumers' meters	6,642.18
Consumers' meters installations	970.59
Office equipment	128.47
Laboratory equipment	350.00
Land—electric	6,000.00
Rights of way	1,550.00
Structures	3,797.98
Gas producer plant	1,597.29
Boiler plant equipment	500.24
Prime movers and auxiliaries	4,380.01
Reservoirs, dams, canals and wa- terways	9,264.40
Water turbines and water wheels	2,749.68
Electric plant, hydro	3,627.05
Miscellaneous power plant equip- ment, Hydro	81.48
Transformer station substation equipment	3,543.70
Poles, fixtures and overhead con- ductors	51,215.54
Consumers' Meters	20,107.50
Consumers' meters installations	3,683.34
Line transformers	13,788.21
Street lighting equipment	1,343.69
Office equipment	356.31
Underground conduits	198.47
Underground conductors	61.18
Engineering and supervision	2,497.19
Current Assets:	
Cash on hand	289.45

Accounts receivable	17,132.91
Inventory	6,549.65
Reserve Fund:	
Depreciation fund	56.31
Construction fund	171.16

Liabilities

Loans repayment	\$94,200.00
Appropriations for construction	45,992.39
Notes payable	20,000.00
Accounts payable	2,846.31
Consumers' deposits	47.00
Interest accrued	133.33
Profit and loss balance	65,411.01
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	\$228,630.04
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	\$228,630.04

Plant Investment. (Book Value)

Gas	\$74,087.30
Electric	130,343.26
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Total	\$204,430.56

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

By balance at beginning of year	\$44,844.60
By balance of gas operating expense	5,694.69
By balance of electric operating expense	23,046.62
To interest paid and accrued on	
bonds and notes	\$933.33
To bond paid	4,000.00
To balance of jobbing expense	
account	3,241.57
To balance account	65,411.01
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	\$73,585.91
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	\$73,585.91

CONSTRUCTION DRAFTS. 1923.

Gas

Expended for:	
Miscellaneous power plant equipment	\$291.35
Purification apparatus	393.32

Other equipment at works	193.26	
Street mains	11,844.66	
Services	1,793.26	
Consumers' meters	1,132.99	
Consumers' meters installations	110.62	
Office equipment	28.47	
	<hr/>	\$15,787.93

Electric

Expended for:

Right of way	\$156.00	
Reservoirs, dams, canals and wa- terways	25.58	
Electric plant-hydro	274.91	
Miscellaneous power plant equip.- ment Hydro	81.48	
Engineering—Superintendence	2,497.19	
Poles, fixtures and overhead con- ductors	7,270.40	
Consumers' meters	3,512.32	
Consumers' meters installations	292.30	
Line transformers	1,836.40	
Office equipment	156.31	
Street lighting equipment	193.16	
	<hr/>	\$16,296.05
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		\$32,083.98

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

BONDS

1923

Dec. 31	Transferred from Operation fund	\$4,000.00	Dec. 31	Orders drawn	\$4,000.00
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INTEREST ACCOUNT

Dec. 31	Transferred from Operation Fund	\$960.00	Dec. 31.	Orders drawn	\$960.00
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DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT

Jan. 1	Balance on hand	\$183.87	Dec. 31	Transferred to Construction Fund	\$9,000.00
Dec. 31	Transferred from Operation Fund	\$8,872.44	Dec. 31	Balance in Town Treasury	56.31
		<u>\$9,056.31</u>			<u>\$9,056.31</u>

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Dec. 31	Transferred from Depreciation Fund	\$9,000.00	Jan. 1	Amount overdrawn	\$2,244.86
Dec. 31	Transferred from Operation Fund	25,500.00	Dec. 31	Orders drawn	32,082.98
		<u>\$34,500.00</u>	Dec. 31	Balance in Town Treasury	171.16
					<u>\$34,500.00</u>

OPERATION ACCOUNT

Jan. 1	Balance in Town Treasury	\$1,902.66	Dec. 31	Transferred to Bond Fund	\$4,000.00
	Appropriation	3,000.00		Transferred to Interest Fund	960.00
	Collections	102,458.47		Transferred to Depreciation Fund -	8,872.44
				Transferred to Construction Fund	25,500.00
				Orders drawn	67,739.24
				Balance in Town Treasury	183.40
				Balance in office	106.05
		<u>\$107,361.13</u>			<u>\$107,361.13</u>

SUMMARY

Balance in Construction Fund	\$171.16
Balance in Depreciation Fund	56.31
Balance in Operation Fund	183.40
Balance in Office	106.05
Total Collections Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1923	102,458.47

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Appropriation 1923	Expended 1923	Unexpended Balances 1923
Town Manager:			
Salary	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Clerk	1,040.00	1,040.00	
Transportation	800.00	708.25	
Office Supplies	300.00	237.77	
Miscellaneous	60.00	46.41	
Total	\$6,200.00	\$6,032.43	\$167.57
Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector:			
Salary	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Recording Births, M. and D.	350.00	349.25	
Clerks	780.00	780.00	
Office Supplies	550.00	637.02	
Miscellaneous	20.00	34.70	
Bond	275 00	275.00	
Total	\$3,475.00	\$3,575.97	
Transfer R. Fund	100.97		
	\$3,575.97		
Registrars:			
Salaries	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Election Officers:			
Salaries	\$200.00	\$57.50	
Expenses	25.00	9.75	
Total	\$225.00	\$67.25	\$157.75
Inspector of Wires:			
Salary	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Dog Officer:			
Salary	\$175.00	\$175.00	
Expense	25.00	21.50	
Total	\$200.00	\$196.50	\$3.50
Inspector of Animals:			
Salary	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Town Attorney:			
Salary	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Town Engineer:			
Salary	\$1,500 00	\$1,332.53	\$167.47

Moderator:			
Salary	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Assessors:			
Salary	\$1,500.00	\$1,296.25	
Salary Assistants	300.00	292.05	
Clerk	1,040.00	1,040.00	
Printing	375.00	386.33	
Transportation	400.00	459.85	
Miscellaneous	100.00	79.33	
Expert Assistance	500.00	500.00	
Total	\$4,215.00	\$4,053.81	\$161.19
Town Hall:			
Salary Agent	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	
Fuel	\$550.00	611.93	
Repair Building	900.00	684.29	
Insurance	615.00	730.50	
Light	425.00	278.12	
Water	100.00	120.69	
Telephone	300.00	267.12	
Miscellaneous	100.00	70.80	
Total	\$4,290.00	\$4,063.45	\$226.55
Sealer Weights and Measures:			
Salary	\$450.00	\$438.19	
Transportation	200.00	327.20	
Supplies	75.00	87.73	
Total	\$725.00	\$853.12	
Transfer R. Fund	128.12		
	\$853.12		
Municipal Indebtedness:			
Plymouth Cy Hosp loan	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
School House Loan	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Dept. Equip. Loan	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Total	\$6,150.00	\$6,150.00	
Interest on Municipal Indebt.:			
Plymouth Cy. Hosp. loan	\$700.00	\$650.00	
School House Loan	264.00	264.00	
Dept. Equip. Loan	137.50	137.50	
Temporary Loan	4,500.00	6,664.58	
Total	\$5,601.50	\$7,716.08	
Overdraft 1923	2,114.58		
	\$7,716.08		
Unclassified:			
Tree Warden	\$700.00	\$723.10	
Overdraft 1923	23.10		
	\$723.10		

Herring	\$500.00	\$464.34	\$35.66
Soldiers' Relief	\$2,500.00	\$2,383.38	\$116.62
Military Aid	\$500.00	\$192.00	\$308.00
State Aid	\$2,500.00	\$2,144.00	\$356.00
Town Reports and Incid.	\$900.00	\$1,086.18	
Transfer R. Fund	186.18		
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	\$1,086.18		
Soldiers' Burial	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Fire Department:			
Salary Chief, including Transportation	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Salary 3 Deputies	675.00	675.00	
Salary 5 Regular men	6,456.00	6,675.54	
Salary Call Men	5,800.00	5,397.42	
Supt. Fire Alarm and Clerk	350.00	350.00	
Upkeep of Trucks	2,350.00	1,831.87	
New Hose	1,000.00	708.56	
Fire Alarm Maint. and one new box	500.00	450.33	
Fuel	300.00	206.60	
Dept. Supplies	500.00	528.07	
Tel. Lt. Power, insurance	600.00	833.85	
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Total	\$19,031.00	\$18,157.24	\$873.76
Health Department:			
Salary Health Officer, insp. milk and slaughtering	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	
Transportation	400.00	705.05	
Contagious Diseases	300.00	773.69	
Tuberculosis	3,000.00	1,648.04	
Printing	125.00	152.20	
Collection milk samples and analysis	75.00	67.50	
Health Conference	75.00	0.00	
Collection Rubbish	360.00	360.00	
Miscellaneous	60.00	99.93	
Collection Garbage	1,500.00	1,134.00	
Health Nurse:			
Salary	1,000.00	780.00	
Expense	100.00	15.24	
Transportation	200.00	7.85	
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Total	\$8,295.00	\$6,843.50	\$1,451.50
Highway Department:			
Salary Supt. incl. Trans	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	
Sewers and Drains	1,200.00	1,812.97	
Snow and Ice	2,000.00	2,576.91	
Sidewalk Maintenance	1,000.00	131.91	
New Sidewalks	3,000.00	3,366.60	

General Maintenance	14,000.00	15,375.78	
Patching	3,000.00	3,369.06	
New Gravel Roads	5,000.00	4,678.25	
Truck	700.00	700.00	
Road Machine	450.00	450.00	
Oiling	3,000.00	3,685.40	
Lt. Tel. Miscell.	50.00	75.38	
Total	\$35,200.00	\$38,022.26	
Transfer R. Fund	2,822.26		
	\$38,022.26		
Repairs to Plymouth St.	\$5,000.00	\$1,654.16	\$3,345.84
Moth Department:			
Town Liability	\$2,896.67	\$2,693.18	
Private Work	2,500.00	1,413.55	
Supplies from State	169.62	169.62	
Total	\$5,566.29	\$4,276.35	\$1,289.94
Public Library:			
Salaries	\$2,950.00	\$2,950.00	
Fuel	600.00	559.77	
Repair Buildings	150.00	308.12	
Supplies	75.00	123.82	
Water, Tel. Lt. Insurance	650.00	752.37	
Incidentals	25.00	56.23	
Total	\$4,450.00	\$4,750.31	
Overdraft 1923	300.31		
	\$4,750.31		
Police Department:			
Salary Chief	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	
Salary Regulars	6,020.00	5,622.70	
Salary Specials	800.00	742.22	
Transportation	500.00	586.51	
Fuel	300.00	118.31	
Rent	420.00	420.00	
Lt. Tel. Miscellaneous	500.00	415.61	
Typewriter	35.00	34.30	
Total	\$10,275.00	\$9,739.65	\$535.35
School Department:			
Salary Supt. incl. Trans	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	
Teachers	68,000.00	66,687.79	
Janitors	4,620.00	4,309.25	
Physician	400.00	400.00	
School Nurse	500.00	327.50	
Tuition	700.00	457.50	
Books	2,500.00	2,626.77	
Supplies	3,500.00	3,379.31	
Fuel	4,700.00	4,449.14	
Telephone	100.00	104.80	

Light	300.00	213.93
Miscellaneous	200.00	91.96
Transportation	6,900.00	8,457.05
Vocational School	300.00	300.00
Repair Buildings	4,500.00	6,792.42
Rent	500.00	500.00
Carting Ashes	300.00	234.51
Water	300.00	222.89
Employment Cards	75.00	75.00
Attendance Officer	30.00	30.00
School Census	100.00	100.00
Community Center	25.00	25.00
Evening School	200.00	0.00
Insurance	951.14	963.30

Total	\$102,801.14	\$103,848.12
Transfer R. Fund	1,046.98	

\$103,848.12

District Nurse	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Band Concerts	\$150.00	\$150.00	
School Plan Appropriation	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	
St. Luke's Hosp.	\$500.00	\$500.00	
G. A. R. Memorial Day	\$200.00	\$200.00	
G. A. R. Hall Rent	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Pension Retired Employee	\$281.32	\$281.32	
Forest Fires	\$515.00	\$419.82	\$95.18
Forest Fire Salary	\$35.00	\$35.00	
Plymouth Cy. Hosp.	\$2,401.24	\$2,401.24	
Plymouth Cy. Farm Bureau	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Total Overdrafts 1923	\$2,437.99		

Total	\$246,214.99	\$236,863.11	\$9,351.88
Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00	\$4,982.77	\$17.23

Reserve Fund Transfers:

Town Clerk	\$100.97
Highway Department	2,822.26
Poor Department	698.26
School Department	1,046.98
Sealer Weights and Measures	128.12
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